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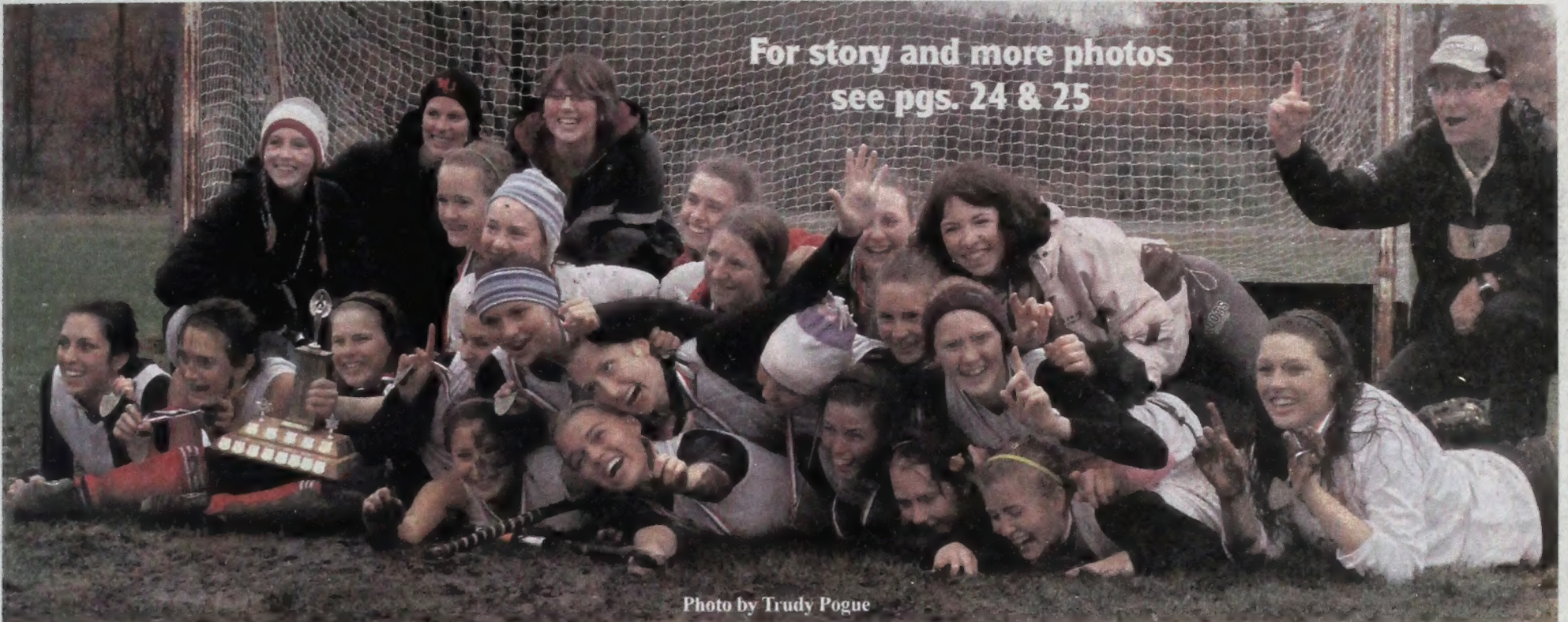
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Devolin Responds to Accusations About the Government Stance on the Trent Severn Waterway

Liz Daniels
Staff Reporter

"An adversarial approach will not work."

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MP Barry Devolin has put a lot of his energies into the future of the Trent-Severn Waterway and how it will impact residents of Haliburton County. As a result, he was considerably taken aback to read the comments made by Little Glamour Lake resident Roger Young in last week's County Voice.

While Devolin may agree with some of the points being made by Young, and sympathize with the frustrations being voiced by many, he found Young's attitude that it is inherently and inevitably an 'us vs. them' situation not only silly, but counter-productive.

"One thing I know for sure," he said, "is that Mr. Young's adversarial approach will not work," and adds that the reason that Young is no longer a member of the

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Flu Threat Subsides For Now

Stephen Patrick
Editor



R.N. Janet Bottum at Haliburton's Flu Assessment Centre

Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) workers, Health Unit officials, and school personnel were all holding their collective breath this week as the flu onslaught seemed to be weakening by the hour. "Our attendance today is just about normal," said Haliburton High School Principal Gary Brohman. But Haliburton's elementary schools still reported a 10 percent absentee rate.

Last Friday almost 600 "high-risk" men, women and children attended Haliburton County's first H1N1 Flu Vaccine Clinic at the Haliburton Legion. Despite the rain and the long morning line-ups the clinic operated smoothly and efficiently, in large part due to the patience and calm shown by the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge Health Unit (HKPR) personnel. And by the afternoon the line-ups had largely diminished. The 'high-risk' group includes healthy children from six months

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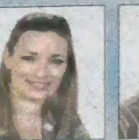
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Minden Hills Council Seeks Funding for Economic Development Plan

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

For some time now it has appeared that an Economic Development Master Plan for Minden Hills was dead in the water. That is, until early in October when municipal Treasurer Lorrie Blanchard reported that efforts were continuing to look into sources of funding for the project.

Last week, the Council considered a report from Blanchard detailing funding opportunities available through the federal and provincial government programs and decided to submit applications in efforts to proceed with what they considered to be a high priority project last year.

While the municipality issued a tender for a multi-phase economic development plan, fiscal restraints and other commitments caused the Council to defer the project until their 2010 budget deliberations got under way. Since that time, several funding announcements have been made that could apply to the project.

During their discussions, both Councillors Barbara Reid and Peter Oyler voiced their concern about some of the deadlines associated with government programs.

On one hand, projects that proceed under Federal Economic Development Agency (FedDev Ontario) funding must be completed by March 31st, while OMAFRA's Rural Economic Development Program (RED) allows projects to be completed over three years. The problem there is that the RED program is under review and may be discontinued. In addition, projects under the RED program only provide 50 percent of the funding (with the remaining funds being the responsibility of the municipality) and require a firm commitment from Council to proceed.

Reid said that she had looked at all of the proposals received for the project and all of them have the same time lines. "With the amount of community involvement proposed, our ability to complete the project by March 31st is suspect." Reid also said that since the call for proposals required some amendments, even if a tender was awarded prior to December, it would take until June to complete.

"While it would be exciting to have 75 percent funding (from the FedDev fund) it is unrealistic and I suggest we apply for the RED program as soon as possible."

Councillor Peter Oyler agreed with Reid but voiced concern that the municipality's portion of the project was not in the 2009 budget. He also said, "There are too many 'ifs' within the various funding opportunities and how they might be used." He also said he was concerned about the need for internal resources to complete the project. Oyler said, "I think this will have to go on the back burner until our 2010 budget deliberations."

Reid suggested that Council could terminate the process if the project didn't survive budget deliberations. She said, "I don't see the value in not making an application (for funding)."

Reeve Jim McMahon said, "In discussions with Judy Coward (of OMAFRA) it appears that the sooner we get the application in the better. I support the idea of applying through the RED program."

Blanchard advised Council that Coward had also cautioned that they should be dead serious about making an application. Referring to March 31st as being a hard and fast rule (FedDev funding), she said that preference would be given to projects that could be completed by that time.

Referring to comments from Blanchard, Councillor Bill Obee said he was in favour of trying to fast track portions of the project. He said, "I would hate to commit money that we don't have but this is something that we talked about doing and we should try to get funding if we can."

Council discussed what they saw as their 'worst case scenario' which, according to Blanchard would be one percent funding from the ratepayers. This would have to be balanced against the impending 10 percent assessment increase that ratepayers will have to endure next year.

After further discussion the Council agreed that they would apply for both the RED and FedDev funding and see how the cards fall.

Obee suggested trying to fast track part of the project to reduce tax dollars, but Reid cautioned that the proposals did not include portions that could be completed independently given the need for consultation. She said, "We're not dealing with a series of components that can be ear marked and completed separately."

Council finally passed a resolution directing staff to proceed with both funding applications. Oyler also requested a Treasurer's report for the next meeting addressing Reid's comments and recognizing that Council could be into a worst case scenario of having to pay for the whole project.

The bottom line for the Minden Hills Council is that they have unanimously agreed to proceed with a project that it believes will be of considerable benefit when considering the long term economic growth of their community. ■

Wigamog Closes its Doors - For Now

by Zoe Cittern

The Wigamog Inn closed its doors on November 1st and at press time it was unclear when exactly it will reopen. It's been hinted that May will see its return but that's not confirmed. Rumour has it that three out of the current four owners will now be managing and owning the Inn. Staff members were given a month's notice that the Inn would be closing but so far no severance cheques have been paid. Originally staff was told that it would only be closed for the month of November but then the owners confirmed that the resort would be closed all winter at least. The Wind at the Willows Spa at the Inn remains open and will be fully operational all winter long.

The Geo Holiday Units which are situated directly next to the Wigamog were also left to fend for themselves when the Inn closed, as previously guests staying at the Geo units were allowed use of the Wigamog's facilities such as the pool, sauna and dining room. The Wigamog's housekeepers also worked at the Geo units which has forced the company to seek their own employees. The company weren't given any firm answers from the Wigamog: only that it is hope it will reopen in May with positive changes. For the Geo Units though it is business as usual. They now have a new partnership with the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre. Guests will be given a weekly pass to use the Pinestones' fitness centre and pool with no limit on time allowance and there is no charge. There will also be a discount at the Pinestones' restaurants. ■



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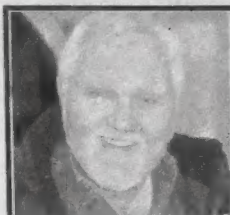
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Acapulco	31/24/pc	31/25/pc	31/26/cl	Montego Bay	31/26/ts	32/26/pc	32/27/su
Antigua	31/26/ts	31/26/ts	31/26/su	Nassau	31/26/pc	27/21/pc	31/28/sh
Barbados	31/26/ts	31/27/ts	31/27/ra	Port au Prince	31/25/ts	32/26/pc	33/26/cl
Bermuda	25/19/sh	20/13/pc	31/26/sh	Puerto Vallarta	32/23/su	31/24/su	29/23/na
Cancun	29/21/ts	30/23/ts	32/26/na	St Thomas	32/25/ts	31/26/pc	29/24/ra
Curacao	32/26/pc	32/26/ts	31/24/ts	St. Maarten	32/26/pc	31/26/pc	31/27/su
Freeport	28/22/ts	25/18/su	33/28/su	San Jose, CR	26/19/ts	27/19/pc	31/21/ra
Georgetown	31/26/ts	31/26/ts	31/23/ts	San Juan	31/25/ts	30/24/pc	29/24/ra
Havana	31/24/pc	31/24/ts	34/24/su	San Salvador	27/18/ts	28/19/ts	32/22/su
Key West	31/24/pc	28/19/su	28/24/sh	Santo Domingo	31/26/ts	31/25/sh	33/26/su
Kingston	32/26/ts	32/26/pc	33/32/su	Trinidad	32/26/pc	32/26/ts	32/27/ra

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today HI/Lo/Otk	Friday HI/Lo/Otk	Saturday HI/Lo/Otk	Sunday HI/Lo/Otk	Monday HI/Lo/Otk	Tuesday HI/Lo/Otk	Wednesday HI/Lo/Otk
Bancroft	4/-1/mx	2/-3/pc	8/7/cl	12/2/pc	13/3/su	13/4/pc	13/5/ra
Barrie	6/-5/mx	4/1/pc	11/1/cl	11/2/pc	12/3/su	13/4/pc	12/6/ra
Dorset	3/1/mx	2/-1/pc	9/7/cl	11/3/pc	12/3/su	13/4/pc	12/6/ra
Haliburton	2/0/mx	1/-3/pc	7/6/cl	11/2/pc	12/3/su	13/4/pc	12/6/ra
Huntsville	3/2/mx	2/0/pc	10/8/cl	11/3/pc	12/3/su	13/4/pc	12/6/ra
Kingston	6/-1/mx	5/-1/pc	9/7/cl	12/3/pc	13/3/su	13/4/pc	13/6/ra
Lindsay	6/-1/mx	3/-1/pc	9/7/cl	12/3/pc	12/3/su	13/5/pc	12/6/ra
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Oshawa	7/-4/mx	4/0/pc	10/7/cl	12/3/pc	13/4/su	13/6/pc	13/7/ra
Ottawa	3/0/mx	3/-2/pc	7/5/cl	11/3/pc	11/3/su	12/4/pc	12/6/ra
Toronto	7/-4/mx	4/1/pc	11/8/cl	13/4/pc	13/4/su	14/6/pc	14/7/ra

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today HI/Lo/Otk	Friday HI/Lo/Otk	Saturday HI/Lo/Otk	Sunday HI/Lo/Otk	Monday HI/Lo/Otk	Tuesday HI/Lo/Otk	Wednesday HI/Lo/Otk
Calgary	14/7/su	14/3/su	7/-6/su	6/-6/mx	5/-5/mx	4/-4/mx	4/-4/mx
Edmonton	12/3/pc	8/-1/sh	0/-8/cl	-1/-7/cl	0/-8/su	-2/-9/sf	-3/-10/sn
Fredericton	3/-3/cl	3/-3/pc	10/3/pc	12/3/pc	11/4/pc	12/4/pc	10/6/sh
Halifax	4/-2/pc	4/-2/mx	11/3/pc	12/4/pc	11/3/pc	12/4/pc	11/5/pc
Montreal	5/0/sh	3/-3/pc	7/4/cl	12/4/pc	12/4/pc	13/6/pc	12/7/ra
Regina	13/3/su	13/3/cl	6/-5/cl	6/-4/cl	6/-5/mx	4/-7/sf	5/-4/mx
St. John's	3/-3/pc	3/-2/mx	12/3/pc	13/4/pc	12/3/pc	13/4/pc	13/5/pc
Saskatoon	13/3/pc	11/2/cl	1/-7/cl	1/-6/cl	1/-7/su	0/-8/sf	-1/-7/su
Vancouver	12/6/ra	11/4/sh	10/5/sh	13/6/sh	12/5/sh	10/6/ra	9/6/sh
Whitehorse	1/-1/su	4/-4/mx	1/-9/su	-6/-9/su	-7/-10/su	-7/-9/cl	-8/-13/cl
Winnipeg	11/1/pc	14/3/pc	3/-2/sf	4/0/pc	5/1/su	3/-2/mx	1/-3/su

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Friday 10/30	12°C	7°C	14.2 mm
Thursday 10/29	10°C	3°C	0.0 mm
Wednesday 10/28	10°C	6°C	0.5 mm
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Sat.	7:01 a.m./4:54 p.m.	9:24 p.m./12:08 p.m.
Sun.	7:03 a.m./4:53 p.m.	10:42 p.m./12:44 p.m.
Mon.	7:04 a.m./4:51 p.m.	11:59 p.m./1:13 p.m.
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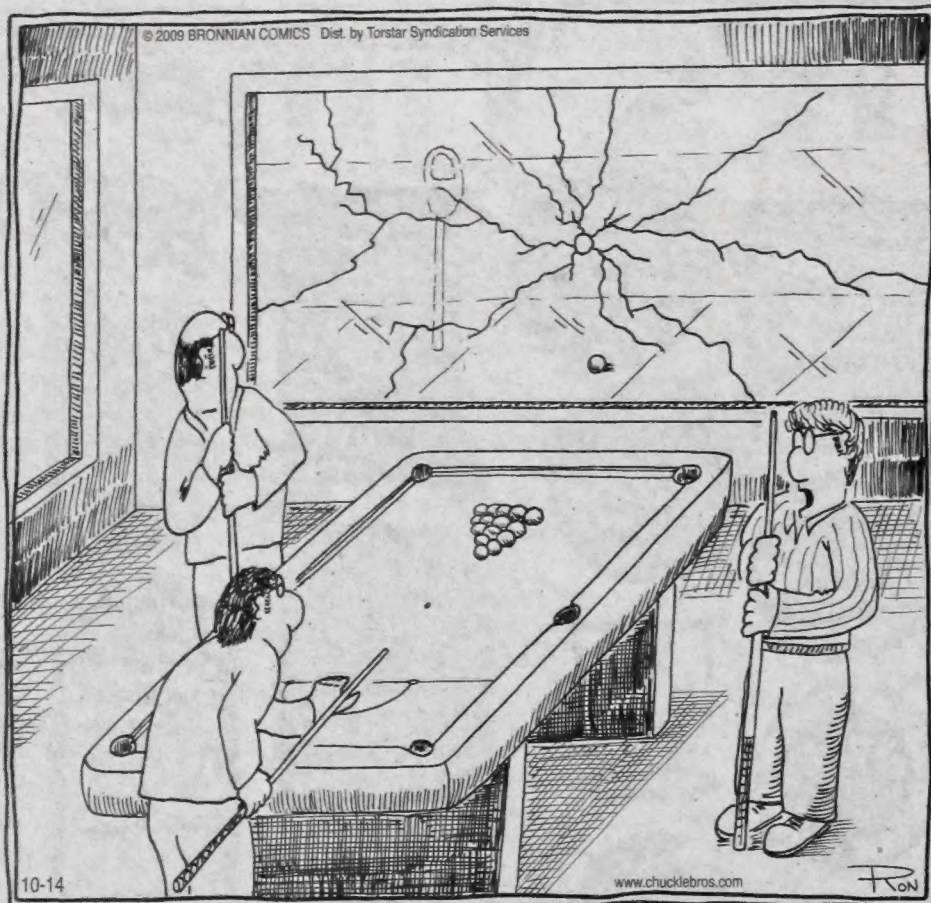
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Letter of the Week

Dear Editor:

In Response to the Letter Sent in by Laura Cunliffe

We all write because we have something we believe is important to say, and to get our messages out. Luckily, we have excellent local newspapers which provide a forum for us to express our views and be heard through our Letters to the Editor. We thank you, the Editors, for that, and I thank Laura for her response to my Letter to the Editor.

There may be some confusion about the purpose of my October 22nd Letter to the Editor. My intention was to focus on the need in Minden Hills for detailed project planning and budgeting, setting spending priorities, working within an annual budget, and the need for an approved vision for the entire community. My letter was not about the merits of volunteerism, government funding or tourism.

Also, just so we're all clear, desirable as it may be, and with all due respect, government is not "an organization that provides a level playing field for those that have and those that do not". It is a corporation which must be run like a business. The corporation has legal powers, requirements and responsibilities, and its business is to govern the municipality with accountability, efficiency and transparency through elected officials who represent the will of the taxpayers. My objective is, and has always been, to observe decisions made by Minden Hills Council, and how they affect the spending of taxpayers' dollars.

In February 2009, after a loss of confidence in the Township's ability to detect spending deficits of 2008, I made a commitment that I would attend as many Council meetings as I could, and I told members of Council they would be under intense scrutiny. I have kept my commitment to do that, missing only one Council meeting since then. With the requirement of transparency to taxpayers, the facts I do know, and write about, are gathered from those meetings, from information provided by the Reeve, CAO, and Treasurer of the Township, from the Minden Hills website, from Municipal Affairs in Kingston, and information gleaned from reading the excellent articles in our three local newspapers.

This may come as a surprise to you, Laura, but I believe we have a great deal in common.

We both want to make Minden Hills a better place to "live, work and play".

We are both motivated to make positive change.

We are both residents in Minden Hills, you in your home for the whole year, me in my Minden Hills home for periods up to 6 months of the year for 56 years, and in the last couple of years, for the balance of those years elsewhere in the County of Haliburton.

We are both taxpayers in Minden Hills. We both pay a full year of taxes.

We are both passionate about contributing to the community.

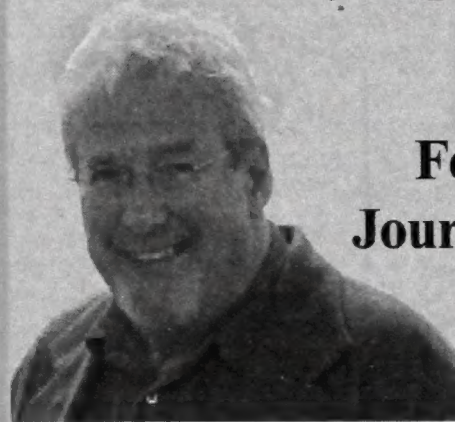
Neither of us contributes our time for personal gain.

We both agree that volunteers are vital for the community (Rotary and Lions Clubs, food bank, Fuel for Warmth, art and cultural efforts, health care, child and elderly assistance, and many, many other contributions.) Where would we be without these and

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Editorial VIEWPOINT

By Stephen Patrick



Federal Politics, Journalistic Ethics, and Home Town Boys

Last week the Voice ran an article by our reporter Liz Daniels featuring the somewhat incendiary and controversial views of Glamour Lake Cottagers Association President Roger Young regarding the future of the Trent Severn Waterway, and in particular federal MP Barry Devolin's role in defending the interests of Haliburton County cottagers and residents. In the article Mr. Young accused federal MP Barry Devolin of many things, including the deliberate subversion of the Haliburton organization, the Coalition of Equitable Water Flow (CEWF), that's dedicated to protecting our reservoir lakes. Mr. Young said that Mr. Devolin and other federal Conservatives had played a part in the creation of the Kawartha Lakes version of the CEWF, the Voices of the Trent, in order to counteract the influence of the CEWF in the ongoing debate about the future of the TSW.

The story was written on deadline: Ms. Daniels did phone MP Devolin to say that there were some controversial parts of the article, but there was apparently little time to continue the conversation. Devolin thought that perhaps Daniels was referring to a letter to the editor, and was at pains not to interfere the right of anyone to express an opinion. For her part, Daniels thought that Young's point of view was a legitimate addition to the debate, and that a follow up with Devolin would satisfy the basic criteria for journalistic fairness. Indeed, a few weeks before we'd published an in-depth interview with the MP about the government's response to the TSW Panel report.

But sometimes in this business when deadlines lurk, and you think you've done everything you can, you're ... wrong. And this editor was wrong, last week, to let the Roger Young interview go to press without at least giving Devolin the chance to reply to some of the more incendiary accusations made by Mr. Young. On Saturday morning last my phone rang with an irate, astonished, and yes, hurt Barry Devolin, MP, on the line wanting to know why he's been "blindsided" by the Voice, accused of all manner of subversive activity, and most seriously, of not standing up for his constituents in Haliburton County, and in fact deceiving those very constituents.

Barry Devolin's in his third term as our federal Member of Parliament. I think it's fair to say that when he looks at his record, he'd be most proud of his proven ability to bring together for a common purpose constituents and interest groups that are inherently hostile and opposed. These qualities were front and foremost in his federal colleagues' minds when a year ago they unanimously accepted his selection as one of the Commons' Assistant Deputy Speakers. Devolin is also a devoted student of the political history of Haliburton, and its enviable record of producing members of the three major parties who over the years have delivered the highest quality of representation, both federal and provincial. During the 1990s, for example, one could easily despise virtually everything the Mike Harris government stood for, but no one could deny how extraordinarily effective then MPP (and Conservative) Chris Hodgson was in advancing Haliburton County's interests.

So to accuse Devolin of abandoning those constituents for some narrow political advantage is to strike at the very heart of his political mission, and his beliefs. There is much to argue about, for sure, when it comes to the essential job of re-modelling the TSW: but as Devolin says on Page One of this issue, "One thing I know for sure: Mr. Young's adversarial position will not work."

And as usual, when it comes to local politics and personalities, there are personal issues at work. Barry Devolin and I have known each other for 25 years and as political junkies have regularly yakked and sparred and laughed about politics, its issues, ironies, and personalities. We also share a deep respect and love for this County's political past, its delicate complexity, and its rare and passionate community spirit. And in that spirit, I personally apologize for my editorial lapse, and trust that our future discussions and disagreements reflect our history of mutual respect and understanding. ■

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other commitments of personal time and dedication? The work of community volunteers is not underestimated by either of us.

We both agree Riverwalk is a wonderful, in-town, leisure trail, and that the users of the trail love it.

We also have some differences.

As an employee in the Township of Minden Hills, you have access to information that I, as an outsider, do not. As a result, and in spite of municipal transparency requirements, you may have more information than I do, and I may not be aware of all the facts.

Your understanding of government appears to be quite different from mine. You see government's job as leveling the playing field for all, where I see it as effectively managing specific responsibilities for community services and operations and, responding to and considering the well-being, interests and will of taxpayers within the entire Township. Our perspectives are not the same.

It appears you see Federal and Provincial government funding as a financial gift for the Town; I see it as spending taxpayers' dollars, which requires 1/3 more in municipal tax dollars to qualify for this funding. This requires long-term Township debt financing to pay for our 1/3 share, with associated maintenance and replacement costs added to the Township's ongoing annual expenses.

However, I do agree with you that it is a less expensive way for the Township to complete new initiatives and projects, as long as they are properly planned, budgeted and fit into the approved plans for the Township (economic, structural, recreational, cultural, etc.).

Your causes seems to be supporting tourism and a three-season Riverwalk, (and I'm sure other volunteering in the Township as well), for visitors to, and residents of, the Town of Minden, although people without cars cannot get to Minden to use it, and non-Minden residents generally walk near their homes.

My interests, (along with others, like you) are seeing planned economic development (of which tourism may be a part), promoting accountability, responsible spending and project prioritization for the benefit of all residents in the Township of Minden Hills, and a wish to see the stage set for municipal prosperity.

The Riverwalk Committee sees asking for immediate approval to spend an unbudgeted \$120,000 on Phase 3 as acceptable, even before the 2010 budget deliberations have begun. I see that as showing complete disregard for the fact that there may be other priorities within the Township, and "jumping the line" for the 2010 budget talks. During budget deliberations, all new initiatives and projects should be brought forward, assessed, prioritized, and approved only within the financial capabilities and plans of the municipality for the following year.

There are also a couple of unresolved issues for both of us.

You want Riverwalk finished in 2010. I want to see a comprehensive 5-15 year economic development plan put in place in 2010, so the municipality can start planning and taking action on the recommendations in the Plan beginning with the 2011 budget year (a realistic time frame for this project).

With respect to the requirement of transparency in government, on October 11th, I asked the Treasurer for some financial information about Riverwalk Phase 2 and was then asked, by you in a responding e-mail, to complete a Freedom of Information form to acquire it, which I did. I paid the required \$5 for submitting it, and I will pay for the time it takes the Township staff to locate the documents at \$30 per hour (I was informed), and wait up to a maximum of 30 days for it. This information should be readily available as it would have been part of the grant application submitted for some of this project's funding.

From documents already provided by the Treasurer, and discussions at the April 30th and October 8th Council meetings, I think my estimates for approximately \$1 million dollars spent on a completed Riverwalk project will be in the ballpark, regardless of where the money is coming from to pay for it. I will certainly retract this if it turns out I am not accurate in this estimate.

As an aside, it is puzzling that the drop-by visitor to Minden from South Porcupine was able to acquire so much financial information on the Minden Hills projects, and write about it in a Timmins newspaper, copied in the Minden Times, when I, as a municipal taxpayer, must pay for acquiring public information.

Perhaps, Laura, you can provide the readers with corrections for the "twisted untruths" to which you refer in your letter. I too would be interested to know if any of my information is inaccurate.

Since our motivations are the same, I'm sure by working together we could accomplish a great deal to make more positive changes for everyone in the Township of Minden Hills. It will certainly be much easier to do when everyone is working towards a common, known objective and plan. Both our visions and the accomplishment of our goals can co-exist in Minden Hills, even if we have to adjust our priorities and/or our time frames a little. I'm certainly willing to try. We both work hard for positive change, and want to see Minden Hills become a better place to live, work and play. Let's get at it!

Shelley Houser, Minden ■

Dear Editor:

"Too little, too late."

According to all media reports, the H1N1 flu virus has definitely arrived. The public is being encouraged to put aside all fears regarding vaccines and get in line. However, those of us who live in Haliburton County will just have to wait. The first clinic for phase 1 individuals was held on Oct 30th. When I inquired as to when clinics would be held for those of us who are healthy and under 65, I was told the first clinic will be held on Dec 5th.

According to the Toronto Star on Oct 29th, clinics for healthy individuals under 65 will begin on Nov 1st. Those of us who reside in Haliburton County will have to wait a whole month longer to receive our vaccines.

Too little, too late.

Janet Bradley
Haliburton ■

Dear Editor:

"I have been a Conservative supporter most of the time for about 60 years..."

If people are wondering why their mail is late, they will probably find a message in their mail box from our MP, telling us what wonderful things the Conservative Party is doing with the tax money they have extracted from us. This, of course, means the rural delivery people have to stop at every single mailbox on the route.

I have been a Conservative supporter most of the time for about 60 years, but I don't think they should be using their free mailing privilege for political purposes using our money to tell us what a great job they think they are doing, holding up our mail -- and offering us more free mail to send an answer!

Maybe should write on the reply "stop wasting our money, our trees, and our postal people for your propaganda. Save the money for the deficit!"

Harvey M. Clarke
Donald ON ■

Dear Editor:

"The visually impaired do not recognize this ..."

This is an alert for visually challenged motorists entering the village of Haliburton from the west.

Most residents know the blind curve encountered entering the village from the west in the location of the former Sir Sandford Fleming College and possibly one day the site of a monster condo.

There has always been a sign advising that the speed at that point changes from 60 kph to 50 kph. The visually impaired do not recognize this and those living nearby hear the squeal of brakes and have witnessed near accidents.

With the helpful endorsement of Dysart Roads Supt. Brian Nicholson, I contacted MTO and asked if the present sign could be replaced by a larger model.

This has been done. Please obey the speed limit. Traffic will only get worse if the condo is built.

Michael Barnes, C.M.
Haliburton ON ■

Dear Editor:

"Is Minden Hills Council trying to keep us in the dark?"

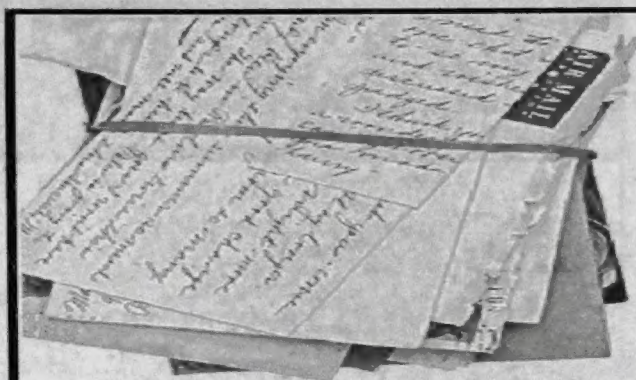
So, according to the newspapers, a few dollars saved is worth more than a human life.

I also find it interesting that I first heard about this from articles in the Times and the County Voice about the Algonquin Highlands council meeting. Is Minden Hills council trying to keep us in the dark? But then I read that this change forwarded to Algonquin Highlands came, not from council, but from the Fire Chief Doug Schell. What power this man appears to have. Does he not require council approval for a change to an official document?

I live 5.5 kilometres from Stanhope fire hall, but 15 kilometres from Minden fire hall. I have had personal experience with this as my wife called 911 a few weeks ago for a personal medical concern. Stanhope fire department arrived shortly after the call and was very efficient hooking me up to oxygen, etc. The Minden ambulance service arrived several minutes later.

Do you remember that there used to be an ambulance at the Stanhope fire hall? To save money they took away that ambulance, now take away fire department response except for fire and next perhaps they will take away my life.

Paul Pethick - Carnarvon ■



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Devolin Responds to Accusations About the Government Stance on the Trent Severn Waterway

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Coalition for Equitable Water Flow (CEWF) may well be because he has rejected their reasonable approach.

Devolin says that is the very reason for the establishment of the non-partisan Trent Severn Caucus; for the four MP's and four MPP's (federal, provincial, liberal and conservative) to lead by example in trying to coordinate some of the recommendations contained in the panel's report. He was pleased to say that both Ministers Jim Prentice (Federal Minister of the Environment) and Donna Cansfield (Provincial Minister of Natural Resources) seem to agree with that approach.

Devolin categorically denied making the comments about the TSW Panel that Young refers to. He said, "In speaking with members of the CEWF, I said that it was clear to me that the panel did not take the easy way out, but rather had taken the second path by deciding to write a substantial report, truly answering the question of what to do over the next 100 years. What was obvious to me when the report was tabled was that, rather than asking for specific changes like repairing dams or locks, they were asking for fundamental change and pursuing it would not be a simple task for the Minister."

The task, he said, would be even greater, given that some of the challenges associated with aged legislation and fundamental issues about overlapping jurisdictions are not an easy fix.

Devolin said he has been adamant that the province be involved in the process. "The province hung back while the panel was doing their work and there was some criticism that they had not been involved." Devolin maintained that if there was a squabble between the two levels of government the process wouldn't work. He said, "It was key for both to be at the table willingly to work and address issues."

As an example, Devolin spoke of the Trent-Severn Caucus meetings where members had a standing joke that they should 'check their guns at the door' in terms of political ideologies.

Young accused Devolin of dragging his feet and not keeping the Coalition well enough informed. For his part, Devolin attributed much of the delay to having to deal with three different federal environmental ministers, four election campaigns and an economic crisis throughout the decision making process. He said, "There's been a lot of noise in the political environment and many issues to deal with that have affected our progress along the way which has made the job that much tougher."

"There has been growing frustration among the public while they waited for the government's response and I've had to respond to many questions about the timing. I was frustrated myself and have answered those questions in several ways. I wished it was going faster as well, but I didn't want to lose site of the bigger picture. Nothing had happened for last 40 years and taken in that context, we have made a lot of progress. While I accepted the frustration of members of the Coalition, I also think that on some level they still respected the fact that things were moving, albeit slowly, and the best way to keep moving forward was to keep their powder dry."

Devolin went on to say that he has the greatest respect for the leaders of the Coalition for having done that. He said, "It's not easy to be patient when things are not moving as quickly as you think they should."

Devolin spoke of the numerous conversations he has held with Minister Prentice and his Deputy Minister, with the head of Parks Canada and the head of the TSW both before and after learning that the government's response to the panel's report was forthcoming. He said, "I have always recognized that the most significant recommendation in the panel's report had been the establishment of an independent water management agency (IWMA) and frankly, I was waiting for the report myself to see if the government would proceed with that."

Devolin commented that he often has an opportunity to provide input that he doesn't speak publicly about. He said, "I can't betray the confidence of ministers so there may not be press releases, but quite often things are going on behind the scenes."

"When Michael Ignatieff said that he wanted to trigger an election, it created a concerted effort to look at ongoing initiatives that were almost out the door and make them happen. I was 80 percent sure there would be an election and when Prentice said he wanted to launch the government's response in October and do it properly, I was concerned that things would be delayed further, particularly if there was a change in the Minister of the Environment."

According to Devolin that would have triggered new explanations and having to re-establish the importance of dealing with the TSW. He wanted to get the announcement out right away and if that meant there wouldn't be a proper launch or there wasn't a normal stakeholder process that was unfortunate.

Devolin said that Young is in error to suggest that the Voices of the Trent (which purports to represent the interests of Kawarth Lakes cottagers) were invited to attend the Minister's release while the Coalition was not. He said, "Several weeks prior to the release, the Voices asked Peterborough MP Dean Del Mastro if they could meet with us and discuss their concerns in much the same way that I would talk to the Coalition. We went to the meeting on September 25th at Del Mastro's office and coincidentally (and without my knowledge) it was the same day that the Minister released the report in Ottawa." Devolin said that both he and Del Mastro lamented the fact that that there wasn't a bigger splash made given the importance of the release.

"In hindsight, I'm the first to acknowledge that stakeholder management wasn't handled in the normal way in September but it was much more to do with the weekly threat of an election rather than any grand strategy."

"One of the things that jumped out at me when I read Young's statements, were the continuous suggestions that there is a conspiracy afoot," he said, adding that the purpose of the entire exercise is to try to figure out a better way to manage a scarce resource (water) when there are many overlapping, and often conflicting, demands.

Devolin also says that the suggestion that the Voices are some sort of conservative group that his government created is ludicrous. "The Voices are a grass roots group from the Buckhorn area who have concerns and issues about the TSW and the government's response. Ironically, they are very similar to the Coalition; the difference is their location and their issues but they are a very similar citizens group."

According to Devolin, until now there has been little understanding along the waterway of how issues and things affect the reservoir lakes and the same misunderstanding with some folks in the reservoir lakes about how things affect the waterway. "It's a huge and complicated construct and frankly, although bumpy at times, I believe that this is a useful process that we are going through. People on the two different parts of the system are learning about issues on both sides and a general understanding of how things interact is increasing."

When it comes to management of the system, Devolin said that while Prentice's response held no commitment for an IWMA, there was a commitment to work with the province to develop a memorandum of understanding (MOU), detailing and laying out a plan of action to deal with a series of issues. He emphasized again the fact that the only way for things to be resolved is if Canada and Ontario work together cooperatively.

"I appreciate the frustration that an MOU simply sounds like more bureaucracy, but for people who deal with government, there is a recognition that an MOU is essentially a contract of what they will work on together. It's a significant commitment and for it to happen within six months is a relatively short period of time."

Devolin said that he also understands the disappointment about there being no IWMA, but he felt that the structure that has been established will work. He emphasized the fact that Parks Canada has considerable experience working with jurisdictional matters.

As to a conflict between Parks Canada and the TSW, Devolin said, "First, the TSW has bounced around from department to department over the years so the jurisdictional issue is not new. I wouldn't call it a conflict of interest. There is a concern that if you want to implement a new strategy, the old management team may be defensive and less willing to admit past mistakes, and that is a valid concern." He added that in discussions with the President of Parks Canada, there was a very real recognition that change is necessary and the future must be different than the past.

In the meantime, as co-chairs of the Caucus, Devolin has spent time with Prentice and Leal plotting a plan to go forward. "We are very excited and optimistic that things can move ahead. It has been agreed that MPP Cansfield would be the obvious lead in Ontario and that tourism must also take a part." Meetings are set to take place in November with Cansfield, a solid indication that the MOU process is moving forward.

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"The six month clock is ticking and there have been lots of discussions between Parks Canada staff and MNR and I can say from experience that there is nothing like an actual meeting between two ministers, saying they want things to happen, to cause bureaucracy to move faster," he said.

Devolin said that a meeting is also scheduled with members of the Coalition for later this week to bring them up to date and discuss their issues. "That will give me an opportunity to remind Minister Prentice what's going on and advise him of their concerns," he said.

According to Devolin the most obvious need is to view the system as two watersheds rather than the waterway. "The word waterway comes up in a number of contexts. Historically it has been the watershed vs. the waterway and the Coalition feels that's not the best way to look at it. It should be considered as two watersheds with the reservoir lakes plugging into both."

"Co-chair Chris Riddle made the point that a useful way to discuss things is to think of water management in terms of a budget and one of the big problems today is that the provincial government writes the licences to take water out of the system. Everyone can figure out that it is hard for the federal government to manage the water if someone else can take it out of the system. It all comes down to conservation of water."

"Another jurisdictional issue is the hydro electric dams. We're all in favour of green hydro but to generate it through the system creates undesirable consequences and can wreak havoc in a number of areas."

Devolin said, "When I say my primary concern is the rights of people along the shoreline, I am lumping people along the reservoir lakes together with those along the waterway. Their interests always trump those of the owners of power dams generating power." According to Devolin, questions of whose rights trump whose have never been clearly asked or answered and there needs to be a hierarchy established on how Parks Canada makes decisions.

"I know people are critical about how they manage the system. They can see the conflict but it hasn't been made clear to them what trumps what and no matter what Parks Canada does someone will be mad. That needs to be addressed," he said, adding that when it comes down to talking about this there will be more acrimony and disagreement.

Devolin also pointed out that when the TSW was built and decisions made to create the reservoir lake system, they dammed lakes rather than channelling them. "When people complain about lake levels and question what the natural lakes levels are, it could be replicated easily by pulling all of the logs from all of the dams, but they might not like what they find."

"I'm not saying that management can't improve, but we must realize that levels on various lakes are dramatically higher than the natural levels would be. Channels haven't been created to drain water; dams were built. So, in a sense while we complain about the management at the TSW, we have to remember that lakes are now larger and deeper and even nicer because of the TSW."

According to Devolin, the TSW is more than a necessary evil. "We just have to figure out how to run it better."

Devolin concluded his comments by saying, "If anyone wants to suggest that I could have or should have done a better job as the MP with this file, that is their right. I've never claimed to be perfect. But to say that I have sold out the people of Haliburton is so ridiculous it is laughable."

In the meantime, he applauds the Coalition for their efforts and says that he intends to continue pushing to do the best he can for a better future for the TSW. ■

What does the Government's Decision on the Trent-Severn Waterway Portend for the Future?

Liz Danielsen

Staff Reporter

"Our lakes will forever be condemned to slave status." (Roger Young)

According to Roger Young and others, with the federal government's decision to reject an independent water management agency in favour of enlarging Parks Canada's unilateral role, Haliburtonians are facing a continuation of the very system that the Trent Severn Waterway Panel warned against.

First and foremost, Young wants to be clear that he is speaking out not only as an individual waterfront property owner but also as the president of his lake association who shares the members' concerns. He also says that he is more than prepared to stand by his

words and back them up if necessary.

Young believes that by having total control of water resources, the present managers of the waterway will view the watershed predominantly as something to serve the needs of the narrow canal corridor rather than the lives of the total water basin community.

"Haliburtonians will continue to be merely suppliers of water; our lakes will forever be condemned to 'slave' status with levels fluctuating at the command of engineers who manipulate the dams and who, by and large, have seldom, if ever, ventured out onto the Reservoir Lakes," he said. Nor do they know much of the predicaments encountered by the folks whose water they routinely divert in order that those lovely American cabin cruisers can float past our dock", as one resident of the Canal lakes commented to me at a 'Voices of the Trent' pep rally."

And Young says that the problem is about to get worse. "A major part of Parks Canada's recent announcement concerns the creation of a new hydro-electric division in Peterborough," he said, "Which is a wonderful coup for the senior manager 'empire builders' within Parks Canada."

Young referred to MP Barry Devolin's recent promise in the County Voice to guard against the threat of diminished lake water from hydro production but voiced his doubts that there would be much, if anything, that Devolin could do. Young said, "The program has already been set in motion. The TSW is already in the process of carrying out new water modelling studies to better understand what changes will be required to their water management procedures to meet the needs of hydro plants and other water users in the years ahead."

"The federal government wants to lease out these power-producing sites at their dams to earn royalties. That is likely where the money is going to come from to revitalize canal infra-structure," he said. "This is typical privatization; let industry build the new sluiceways and penstocks, let private investors and entrepreneurs do the work while Parks Canada sits back and collects a fee or percentage of sales."

According to Young, the program appears to be underway already, given the recent announcement of a project at the Norland dam. "Unfortunately," he said, "there will be little or no say for Ontario's environmental concerns as this is federal property, and there will be little opportunity for any municipal input due to fast-tracking."

Young also questioned Mr. Devolin's promises of protection for waterfront property owners on that portion of the Gull River immediately upstream or downstream of the dam.

"The threat to our lakes lies in the fact that private industry always seeks the biggest return possible on its investment. It will want to operate these new hydro power plants at full capacity year-round and the government needs the money. But in order to maximize water flow and power production, the penstock and sluiceway openings, which feed the turbines and generators, need to be below the lowest yearly surface water level," he said, adding, "You can't make power from water if the system is sucking air."

According to Young this means that new openings in the dams, where all stop logs get pulled for the winter, will have to be below the present sill plates of the dams and the system will soon be drawing off even more water from both Reservoir and Canal lakes than it presently does.

He said, "It's a fallacy for anyone to suggest otherwise. Ontario is starved for electric power and will jump at the chance to support 'green' power production. And what is going to be used to create this new, additional renewable power? Why, more water from Haliburton's Reservoir Lakes, of course. On top of what's already going to fill up a canal and supply water to homes in Lindsay, Peterborough, Hastings, as well as meet industrial needs along the way."

Young also cautioned that residents shouldn't overlook the other possibility, that the federal government could raise the dams, flood land that is presently dry and create even bigger, deeper reservoirs to gather up even more water.

"The fact is we are slowly but inexorably being marginalized, becoming ever more enslaved and increasingly treated like second class citizens. Ought we to be angry? You're damned right. But who is going to become our champion and defender? We can hope that the province might step in through its Ministry of Natural Resources. After all, the province is going to be asked by the feds to sign a memorandum of understanding."

Young said that he would like to think that the province owes some support to the people who bought the Crown land that was offered to them; people with expectations of enjoying usable waterfront lots. He said, "Many of those folks, and those that came after them, believed they had acquired rights to safe navigation along with the property ownership on the Reservoir Lakes." He added that he is sceptical of any such support or recognition.

"Is there a danger that more of the water in Haliburton's Reservoir Lakes will be negotiated away in expectations of increasing power production the same it was to meet the demands of a canal?" Young asks, and then said that he thinks that possibility quite likely.

Young says that he sees a dubious, much-threatened future for Haliburton County. He says that it didn't have to be this way if government representatives had taken a broader, more long-range view, most particularly by supporting an independent water management agency. It is his belief that it would have been possible to look at everyone's interests fairly if there had been more attention given to the Reservoir Lakes.

Realizing that he would be ruffling feathers, Young said, "If I am wrong in this cynical, sceptical view of what has transpired there's an easy way to correct it and set the record straight."

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Trent Severn Waterway and Our Future

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Let Mr. Devolin deny he had any involvement with Voices, Del Mastro and Hunt prior to the press release. Let him state categorically that he supports the equal right of our Reservoir Lakes to historic navigational water levels and speak out at long last in the wider interests of the complete watershed."

"Let Parks Canada state conclusively that water will not be increasingly drawn from the Reservoir Lakes in ever greater quantities, even sooner in future summer seasons than in past. Let them promise that any future shortfalls in water due to climate change and lessening of rainfall supply will be reflected in lowered water levels throughout the canal as well as by draining the Reservoir Lakes. Let it demonstrate publicly that greater water quantities will not be drawn from our lakes due to enhanced hydro-electric power production.

And finally, let the 'Voices' of the TSW publicly acknowledge Haliburton's generous willingness to share its water in times of plenty, but also agree that we all must share the pain in times of water scarcity; that canal

levels may need to be adjusted downwards if warranted by circumstances and that, above all, we must be better stewards and work towards greater water conservation."

"It would be much easier to have faith in such statements if they came from an independent manager of the water. It is difficult to have quite the same faith when they come from a unilateral agency whose primary objective is to float tourist boats lazily along a canal and whose idea of an 'integrated' water system is not guided by balance and fair play, but one that maximizes the downstream flow in order to produce power, irrigate golf courses and flush toilets in towns, villages and cities to our south. It would be nice to hear some assurances all the same."

To Young, the problem lies in the fact that 'there is a built in conflict of interest for Parks Canada and TSW that will be difficult for them to overcome, leaving the Reservoir Lakes in a very vulnerable state.'

"We too have a population to be served and water is the key to our lives, health, enjoyment, jobs, growth and sustainable communities in Haliburton. The TSW Panel's recommendation to create an independent water management to best serve the interests of all may well have been our last chance at a sane and civil resolution to a growing problem.

"One thing is certain," Young said, "If the watershed survives, it will always be possible to operate a canal. Should the watershed fail, the canal will perish with it."

His final words were, "We had the chance for a better future; instead our political representatives have settled for more of the past." ■

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Ghosts, goblins and witches gathered at the Minden Community Center on October 30th for Family Halloween Fun Night sponsored by the Township of Minden Hills and Highland Park Homes. Coboconk DJ Bruce Newman kept the ghouls boogying while MC and chief corn-popper Rick Cox organized activities and awarded prizes to the young trick-or-treaters.



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Divorce Anyone? Wayne Cooper Directs Highland Little Theatre

Highlands Little Theatre will soon be showcasing their talents beginning November 12th when four actors will take to the stage to perform the 1975 play 'Divorce Anyone?', by John Patrick, who's best known for his Pulitzer Prize winning play 'The Teahouse of the August Moon.' The three different plays draw upon relationship issues whilst maintaining an upbeat, humorous attitude. 'Divorce Anyone?' is risqué in nature but director Wayne Cooper doesn't let that worry him: "The company has done a lot of comedies in the past but it's quite refreshing and satisfying to undertake a mature play."

Cooper, who has been in the theatre business since he was 19 and who moved to Haliburton in 1988, has always been involved with musical direction throughout his career and says that he "finds it hard not to be involved with music." He has performed with the Canadian opera company, is an accomplished pianist and has sung in choirs. He retired last year after 20 years as a very popular Haliburton High School teacher.

To give each of the three plays a distinct identity, Cooper will be performing musical interludes between each play. This is something that Cooper was keen to introduce, but apart from bringing in the musical interludes and changing a few words, nothing else was altered. "It's so well written, we're having a lot of fun with it, every time we start a new play we are met with exciting challenges" says Cooper.

One hurdle the group had to overcome was sickness. Cooper explained: "The play was originally going to be performed last April, as the theatre performs two plays each year though unfortunately most of the cast were ill at that time so the play was postponed until now. As they had already been rehearsing their lines earlier this year and remembered a lot, so we were given a head start this time around."

Another challenge for the actors is that they will be playing more than one character during the evening, although that was the original intention. "It's fun working with a small cast, you can be flexible" says Cooper. Elke Zilla will play all the female characters, so over a short time period the change in dialogue and character will be a challenge, but she's certainly up to the challenge. Zilla teaches drama at Haliburton High School and has previously acted with the Highlands Theatre and the Summer Festival. Other returning actors will

be Brian Kipping, who played Daddy Warbucks in the Haliburton Summer Festival production of Annie and with Mike Jaycock who has performed in Man of La Mancha as well as in Annie. Mike Russell will be trying his hand at the craft for the first time, having come from a technical background in film, though at rehearsals he seemed a perfect natural.

The set pieces for each show will mostly remain the same, but furniture coverings and props will be changed to "reflect upon the different economic statuses of each character." Heather Smith has created all of the artwork and Caryl Miller will be the costumer. 'Divorce Anyone?'s witty lines and acting talent will be sure to have audiences shocked yet amused.

Grade Nine student Justin vanLieshout is the stage manager, but doesn't let his age faze him one bit; he's had lots of theatrical experience already. "I've worked on stage and off stage a lot: I did backstage at the Sound of Music at the Summer Festival. It's awesome working with everyone."

The play will be running for three nights beginning November 12th, starting at 8pm with one matinee performance at 2pm on November 14th. Tickets can be purchased at Organic Times, Minden and The Cranberry Cottage, Haliburton. ■



Zoe Cittern

Staff Reporter

Divorce Anyone? runs from November 12 to November 14th. Above is Mike Jaycock. At right is Mike and Elke Zilla in a scene from the play.



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Brothers in Arms, a Haliburton County Sacrifice



Ross Davidson



Bernard (Thomas) Davidson

Bernard (Thomas) Davidson and Ross Davidson were the grandsons of Irish immigrants David and Anne (Kerr) Davidson who were married in 1859 and settled in the Allsaw-Blairhampton area of Haliburton County shortly thereafter.

In the prewar depression years of the late dirty 30's Bernard survived by trapping, while his younger brother, Ross, was employed at the Haliburton Post Office. In 1943, like so many other young men of that era, 32 year old Bernard, and his 25 year old brother Ross joined the Royal Canadian Army and were soon shipped overseas for further training and duty.

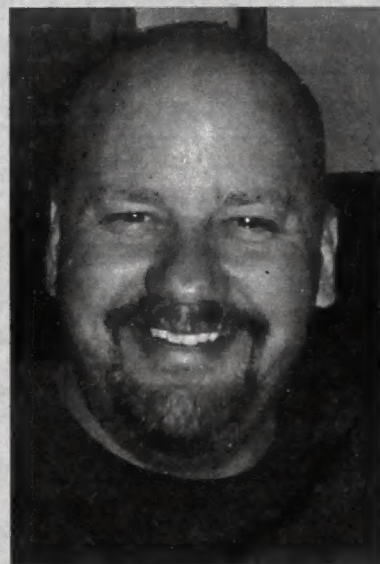
Bernard's daughter, Gail (Davidson) Parish, lives in Haliburton and was kind enough to share her thoughts with me about her father, her uncle and war. She was not yet born when her father left for Europe, but does recall stories about visiting him with her mother at a Military Hospital on Chorley St. in Toronto the following year. Bernard had been a member of the Royal Canadian Service Corps and had been wounded in Italy while transporting injured soldiers to hospital from the front lines. It is unclear whether the bomb hit his ambulance or the hospital, but what is known is that the shrapnel left in Bernard Davidson's arm almost required that the limb be amputated.

While Bernard was recovering in Toronto, a telegram arrived at the Haliburton home of his father, Thomas Sr. Gail Parish surmises that the dreaded "regret to inform you" telegram was transcribed from Morse Code at the Gelert rail station and typed for delivery to her grandparents, no address or date is transcribed on the message. At 27 years of age Ross Davidson, Bernard's kid brother, and Gail's uncle, had been shot to death by German paratroopers while trying to secure a dyke in Holland.

I wondered aloud if Bernard, being the older of the brothers, had felt any guilt for the death of his younger sibling. After some thought, Gail replied, "no, I think he was just sad to lose someone who should have had so much more time to live." The conversation morphed to a discussion of war in general, and to the possibility of there ever being a time in future human history without wars, or whether deadly combat was inherent in the human psyche? There does appear to be something about the competition, machinery, weapons, adventure, camaraderie and power that attracts our species to war. The conversation ended like most dialogue of this nature when Gail, in what sounded to be both a question and statement, said, "Too bad people can't see a way to get along, and to make it work." War has an uncanny way of creating a second existence for combatants. After the war, army friends often referred to Bernard and Ross as "Timmy" and "Davie", names that family members were completely unfamiliar with. War experiences were rarely discussed at home, seemingly kept in a separate compartment reserved for participants, and not to be shared with loved ones.

After completing rehab, Bernard Davidson lived in Toronto for a short period of time before returning to Haliburton County with his family in 1947 where he became an employee of Dart's Bakery. Bernard died 31 years later with his family close by. Ross however, lies in Nijmegen Canadian Cemetery in Groesbeek, Holland. Gail's son, Rob, will soon be traveling to Europe, where a visit to great-uncle Ross Davidson's gravesite is at the top of his to-do list. ■

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Top left is Ross in London. Middle left is Bernard's daughter Gail Parish. Bottom left is Gail's son Rob Parish. Top right is Ross's grave. Picture bottom right is Ross in front of the Haliburton Post Office.



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by LCol. Steve Brand

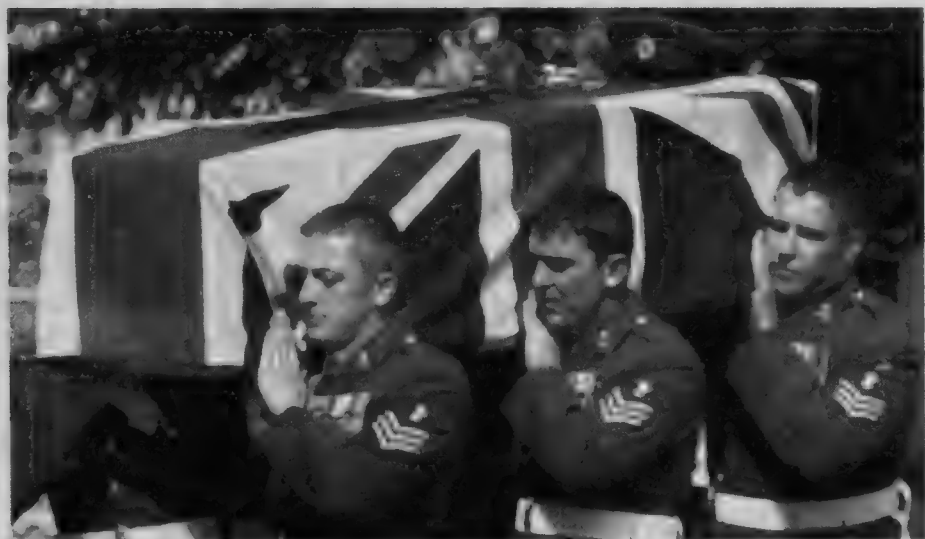
Hi all! It's been a while since my last update back in June. I extended my tour from end-June to mid-August due to the early departure of my direct boss (a USMC Lt Col). As he wasn't being replaced I volunteered to stay on as the sole US expansion planner and was also double-hatted as the LNO (Liaison Officer) to USFOR-A(S) (US Forces Afghanistan South).

Life as a staff officer in a headquarters is relatively safe. But for the weekly rocket attacks, there is little danger. However, some of us must leave the wire as part of our job from time to time. Back in early July one such day visit took one of our RC(S) engineering teams out to a new position in order to develop a construction plan in preparation for the arrival of elements of the **5/2 STRYKER BCT** from Fort Lewis, Washington.



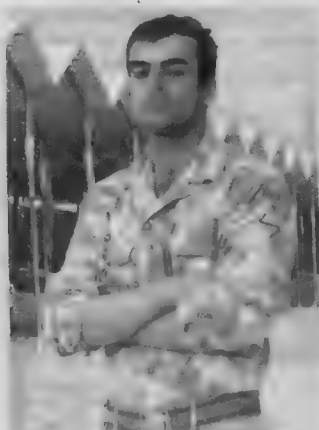
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After completing their site visit, they boarded 2 helicopters for the flight back to KAF. Upon taking off, in dusty conditions, the 2nd chopper hooked a HESCO barrier wall and flipped over and caught fire. 3 soldiers were trapped inside and died horribly in the flames. Of course some of you may recall the story as 2 Canadians were victims, and it was a Canadian Griffon helicopter, but the 3rd victim was British Royal Engineer, Capt Ben Babington-Browne. **CH147 Griffon Crash**



Ben's funeral service in the United Kingdom

Ben and I had been working closely together on another project to improve STRYKER access through a dominant mountain pass in Zabul province that had been the site of huge defeats to British forces over a century ago, as well as Soviet forces only 25 years ago (as described in the book, **The Bear Went Over The Mountain**). I had seen Ben depart on this mission that very morning in



Capt Ben Babington-Browne

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high spirits as he was one of the few staff members to ever get outside the wire. He had a great sense of humour and was very skilled with mapping software and all things computer. Just 27, he'd only been in the army for 8 years. Death can come so quickly. His memory will be foremost on my mind this Remembrance Day.

That's all for now.....
Steve ■

Lt. Col Steve Brand is a career reservist, and an airborne infantry officer by trade. He's Past Commanding Officer of the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada, based out of Moss Park Armoury in downtown Toronto. Steve's been a resident of Haliburton County since 1984, and will be returning to work as a realtor with Remax in Minden in February.

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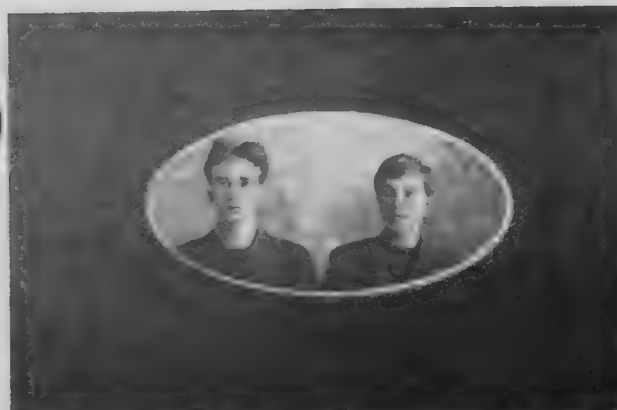
by Lyn Winans

It's hard to envision a 29 year old kid as a 111 year old man, but that's approximately how old Henry (Harry) Welch of Halls Lake would be if he hadn't been killed before his 20th birthday. His big brother, Charles, would also be a centurion had he too not been slain in the trenches of WW I.

And it's almost impossible to imagine the horror of parents receiving two "regret to inform you" telegrams a few months apart, each relaying the cold fact that a child has died, killed in action. There was no repatriation in 1917, no coming home ceremony, no burial, and no funeral for the family. Their sons died thousands of kilometers from home, and would not return. Given the economic situation at the time, few family members would even have the opportunity to visit their child's grave, if in fact, there was a marked resting-place.

In our fast paced, high tech world, it's often impossible to comprehend what it was like to have lived in 1917. It was a different world, and often seems far off, even irrelevant. But cell phones, satellites, computers, e-mail, jet travel aside, maybe all one has to do is read the telegrams and walk in the shoes of Harry and Charles' parents during that terrible year: some things will never change despite the passage of time and burgeoning technology. Reread those near century old telegrams and read this week's news. Canadian soldiers Lt. Justin Boyes and Sapper Steven Marshall were killed in Afghanistan. While the means of killing and the transmission of information may be different, the essence of war truly doesn't change for the families of those slain. ■

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Struggling for Volunteers for the Poppy Campaign in Haliburton.

By Zoe Cittern



The poppy; a sign of peace, hope and remembrance. ... A sign we should all wear with pride so we never forget what our older generations fought for, freedom. The poppy campaign began 30th October across the country and the Haliburton Legion #129 began the difficult task of finding volunteers to canvass for two hour periods on the

two weekends before Remembrance Day. It has always been hard to find willing participants to help in the campaign but this year has been particularly fraught, its "definitely getting slower, it seems to be worse this year" said Carla Watson, President of the Haliburton Legion. She added that it was "really sad having so few volunteers. At present we have 619 members and only 40 volunteers have offered their help. When members sign up to the Legion they have to take an oath. One such line details that one must be active in the poppy campaign but that obviously isn't happening here." The decrease in volunteers for this year's poppy campaign has been so lacklustre that Carla sought help from outsiders. "I asked McKecks' 'Blue Line' for some man power and they've been amazing, it's such a great organisation. They'll be helping with the poppy campaign the last weekend before 11th November. They are also serving and cooking dinner for our veterans on Remembrance Day. They've been so good to us."

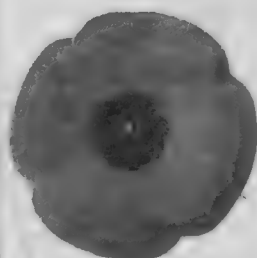
Remembrance Day is a chance for people to give thanks for the veterans who are still with us today and to remember the fallen. With the current wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, the situation is brought closer to home. Carla adds that "with most members of the Legion they have people in their family who have been in the army so it's really sad that their not participating."

Last year the Legion managed to raise \$11,000, which is a great sum of money to be collected from such a small community. The money is donated to veterans and their families as emergency funds when they need help. "Obviously the more volunteers that can reach people all over Haliburton, the more money we can raise for the veterans which is very important" said Carla. The veterans themselves canvassed last Friday across Haliburton village, from Foodland to Brewers Retail to Stedmans.

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Poppy Campaigns in Wilberforce a Tough Sell

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"Veterans and their families are our first priority." (Terry Furneaux)

As time goes by, it gets harder and harder to organize poppy campaigns in small rural communities and Wilberforce is no exception. The challenges of finding volunteers and ensuring that people have a true understanding of the role of the Royal Canadian Legion branches in communities across the country becomes increasingly blurred with other day to day concerns, particularly when times are tough and people are keeping a closer eye on their purse strings.

Harcourt resident Terry Furneaux is the Chair of the Poppy Campaign for the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #624 Wilberforce. Furneaux says that finding volunteers is likely their greatest challenge, and adds, "You don't have to be a Legion member to help, anyone can sell poppies as long as it is under the Legion's direction and the direction of the Poppy Chair."

People might ask just exactly what is done with the money collected from the sale of poppies. Furneaux said that the poppies come from Central Command, but the money that is collected stays within the Branch. She said, "We always try to keep the money within the individual geographic communities in the municipality to help our own veterans and their families."

"Veterans are our first priority," she said, "and we try to help with the acquisition of wheel chairs or walkers; but we also try to help by financing things through our Branch's general coffers over and above what is collected from the sale of poppies. Furneaux was also quick to add that if there is need somewhere else in the community and their Branch is asked to help they do everything within their power to provide assistance. "We also open the branch so people will have a place to gather whenever there is an emergency."

Furneaux says that it is becoming more and more difficult for people to understand exactly what the Legion is all about. "We're so much more than just a place to gather and drink," she said. She mentioned a recent \$91,000 donation by the Peterborough Branch to their hospital and said, "Those are the kinds of goals we have, but the better we can treat our veterans the better we all feel."

When it comes to encouraging volunteers for the Legion, it is the age old problem. Furneaux said, "We hope that the members understand our goals and will jump in and help but quite often it is the executive members that do a lot of the work. We do have problems from time to time getting volunteers to assist."

Furneaux said that, while it doesn't all come out of the poppy fund, their Branch helps in the schools with poster contests, with funds for school programs and with donations to the local churches.

"The Poppy Fund is only used for veterans and their families and for the education of children with respect to Remembrance Day," she said. "The entire school usually attends our Remembrance Day service. We make sure they all have poppies and understand the meaning of the day. Last year a child participated in the ceremony, placing a wreath on behalf of the school. Valerie Smith is our Youth and Education Officer and she went into the school and spoke with kids about the significance of Remembrance Day. She does a wonderful job."

"Another challenge is that this is a small

community and some of our residents have a difficult time understanding that liquor sales are not a priority any more. We hold more functions and all sorts of events to raise money."

Furneaux said that their Branch has 14 veterans (one as their President and another as their Vice President) in their area alone, most of whom are WWII vets with one from the war in Vietnam. She said, "Vietnam vets weren't originally recognized as veterans, but now we look at honouring anyone who has served our country."

As to her overall goal, Furneaux said, "We hope everyone gives a little bit more this year and understands a bit more as well." ■



Army Cadets Give Back on November 11th

by Zoe Cittern

The 20 Army Cadets from Haliburton County gather every Tuesday at the Haliburton Legion, where they learn life skills, improve their physicality, train in leadership and citizenship amongst other activities. It is a common myth that everyone who joins the cadets wishes to go into the Armed Forces, but that is rarely the case. Commanding Officer Cameron McKenzie, who has been with the cadets for 12 years, says that "over the years half a dozen cadets have gone on to join the military." In fact many young people decide to join the cadets to do something different that is normally offered to them. "Nowadays sports like hockey are getting so expensive, but for kids to join us it's free for them and a lot of that is due to the Legion. We have outdoor activities as well. I suppose we offer something different to the usual clubs. It's very much a family unit that we have here."

The Legion generously lends their space to the Cadets every Tuesday and for other nights when there are specified activities. "The Legion sponsors the Cadets, and without their support we wouldn't be able to have a team here and I really can't stress that enough" said McKenzie.

Remembrance Day will see the young Cadets involved in a parade through Haliburton at 10.30, and one Cadet will have the special honour of laying a wreath representing the cadet program at the cenotaph.

Further engagements will see the Cadets assisting in the evening dinner for the veterans and the members of the Legion. "I mostly learnt about the wars in History class but my grandfathers were in the army along with my great grandfathers. Some of my family members are on the cenotaph in Cobourg" says Cadet Sergeant Keith Burley, 15, who has been with the cadets for four years. "Remembrance Day for me really keeps me aware of what happened, the life they had back then, and how thankful I should be for what I have. A lot of kids don't realise how many Canadians died over in Europe."

On November 11th Burley will be the parade commander, so he will be leading the other cadets down to the cenotaph. "It's a big deal, I have to control what the other cadets are doing but it's an honour and I feel a lot of pride." Burley has aspirations of joining the army and hopes to enlist when he finishes high school: "When we serve the dinner on the day there will be infantry from Petawawa. I think I'll be nervous as they serve for our country but they treat us like their brothers. The veterans from the Legion are really good to us too, they seem to be proud of us and they give us a lot of help."

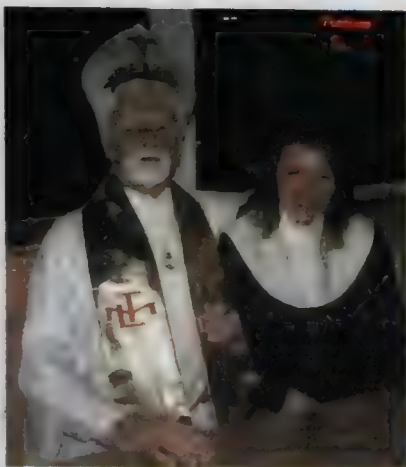
Warrant Officer Alex Dobie, 18, will be 'ageing out' in two months, which means he will have to leave the cadets as the age requirements are 12-19. Dobie, like Burley, is proud to serve the veterans on Remembrance Day. "Not many kids care anymore about November 11: it's a chance to show that we know and care about them and that we are willing to show that. People take for granted what they have and not many kids realise what they did and what happened out there. What they gave us should be remembered and they should have their day of special treatment," says Dobie. Dobie will be the flag party commander on Remembrance Day; he will carry two flags, the Cadet and Canadian, "I've wanted to do it for a long time, it's a great honour." He will also be serving the dinner to the veterans which he believes "gives you a sense of pride, you are in your uniform and you just feel really proud to be near the veterans, they are all really thankful." ■



Halloween at McKecks

Photos by Shawn Welsh

Trick or treat! ... The trick was trying to not have a great time and the treat? ... The staff and entertainment at McKecks on Halloween night. Live music preformed by Carl Dixon and a couple of friends, people dancing, a hockey game and even a pope playing the Tamborine truly proving that Halloween is not just for the kids.



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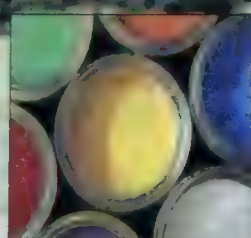
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Gayle Rowan, Haliburton

It means everything; I always get very emotional thinking about it. My grandfather was in World War I, he was gassed and only lived to 61 with one lung. My father was in World War II, and my daughter was in the Cadets here. It means a lot especially now with everyone over in Iraq and Afghanistan fighting for us. My husband has taught our grandson all about WWII and gives him books on it, it seems that Canadian kids don't know enough about it and the history behind it all.



Norma Kennedy, Minden

It's an important reminder of how Canada got to be the way it is and the benefits we are able to have now and all the positive aspects of life in Canada, and why it is the way it is.

I hope to go to a service in either Minden or Haliburton, I always do something even if I'm at the house by myself, just to observe the time and do my own minute or two of silence.

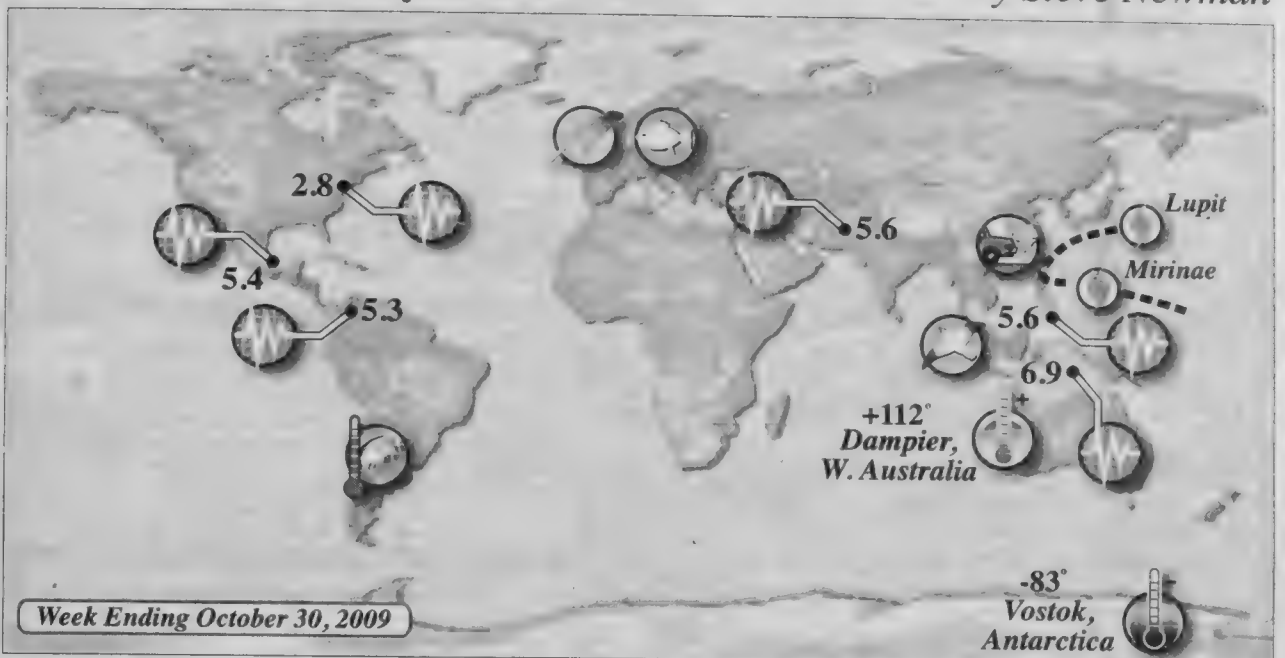


Barbara Kennedy, Guelph

It means I remember the end of the war in Wales and the people who died on my street and the people who came home like my father. I don't like though how it's turned into a holiday over here, I don't think that's right. I'm a health care worker at the schools so I'll be working on the day, but they have lots of programmes lined up and I'll be wearing my poppy.

Earthweek: A Diary of the Planet

By Steve Newman



Coral Ark

Scientists are proposing a last-ditch scheme to save the world's coral from disappearing due to climate change — freezing samples so that reefs can be reseeded if and when the climate is stabilized. Many marine biologists have warned that the world's coral reefs, and the biodiversity they support, will disappear by the end of the century if the predicted rise in temperatures occurs. "Unless something very remarkable happens during December's climate talks, the world's reefs will be reduced to slime-covered rubble by 2050," Alex Rogers, of the London-based Institute of Zoology, told *The Observer*. Collecting coral specimens and preserving them in cryogenic vaults was one of the ways to cope with climate change discussed at a meeting in Copenhagen by the group Global Legislators Organization for a Balanced Environment. Most attending the gathering agreed that there is little chance that the world's governments will agree to a plan stringent enough to prevent the predicted rise in temperatures this century.

A Choking Comeback

Smog levels in Hong Kong have returned to the same record high level registered in 2000, prompting warnings from the city's Environmental Protection Department for people with heart or respiratory illnesses. Air pollution from a cluster of factories in southern China had dipped over the past year due to the global economic slowdown. But the smog has returned to Hong Kong over the past two months as those factories in neighboring Guangdong province ramped up production to match an increased demand for goods.

Wineries Head South

A leading economic consulting firm says that some of Chile's leading wine producers may have to move their vineyards farther south as climate change makes their current locations too dry and warm. A Price-waterhouseCoopers study warns that ideal climatic conditions needed for grape growing will shift to higher latitudes due to a 30 percent reduction in rainfall and an expected temperature rise of 2.7 degrees Fahrenheit across established production areas. *The Santiago Times* reports that famed brands such as Viña Morande have already begun planting vines around Lake Llanquihue, about 500 miles south of the country's primary grape-growing region.

Tropical Cyclones

Thousands of people in the northern Philippines who were evacuated in anticipation of the arrival of Typhoon Lupit were able to return home as the storm weakened well offshore and turned toward Japan. Parts of Luzon Island had already been devastated by floods and mudslides unleashed by two successive storms over the previous three weeks.

• And yet another storm, Mirinae, was taking aim on the northern Philippines late in the week.

Earthquakes

Southeastern Indonesia and northern Australia were jolted strongly by a 6.9 magnitude quake that also prompted a regional tsunami alert. Shaking was said to have lasted five minutes in some areas.

• Earth movements were also felt in the southern Philippines, northern Colombia, southeastern Pennsylvania, Mexico's Gulf Coast and along the Afghan-Pakistan border.

Earthquake Sentinel

An official on Indonesia's island of Sumatra says that an endangered bird in the quake-prone region has the ability to predict major earthquakes up to two days before they actually strike. Coordinator of the West Sumatra relief aid coordinating agency, Ade Edwar, told the Antara news agency that a type of pheasant known as a Kuwau can be heard for more than a half-mile as it "sings" before the shaking from a quake arrives. "This bird will be acting rather unusual and sings very often, which is a sign that a major earthquake is coming," Edwar said. He pointed to reports from residents in one community who said the Kuwau was sounding an alarm before the devastating Sumatra quake on Sept. 30.

Twin Peeps

A British farmer was startled to witness the birth of two ducklings from the same egg, an event said to be unprecedented in the country's history. The twin ducklings were dubbed Romulus and Remus, and are believed to be the first pair ever to survive after hatching. A shell-shocked Roger Oliver of the Cornish Duck Company in St. Austell videotaped the births after noticing the egg had two embryos as he was checking for the birth viability of the egg. He soon saw two beaks pecking their way out from both ends. With a little help getting out of the shell from his partner Tanya Dalton, the two chicks were soon peeping their way into history. A similar twin hatching occurred in Canada, but the ducklings were said to have not survived.

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**Minden Home - \$207,500**

This immaculately kept three bedroom raised bungalow is situated on a large level lot (100 ft. by 195 ft.) The modern renovated kitchen and bathroom, large wrap around deck and full walkout basement are sure to please. Gull river access at your front door offers miles of boating pleasure down into picturesque Gull Lake. Ideal starter or retirement home. Why pay rent? Call Bill to view this gorgeous home today!

**Cathy* Lancia & Shirley Rule**
Kennisis Lake Office
754-4242**Little Redstone Lake - \$529,000**

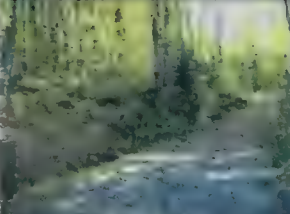
There is 300 ft of sand beach & over an acre of level property to enjoy. The 733 sq. ft building is built with 2x6 Construction, exceptional insulation & a cement crawl space that is great for storage. There are two other buildings on the lot including a winterized Bunkie with a Kitchenette and a double garage with a lean-to woodshed attached. Western open view, stone patio deck at the water. Privacy Plus!!

**Little Kennisis Lake - \$419,700**

Enjoy gentle elevation, & good sun w an open view. Cottage has Western cedar siding & a sunroom across the front of the building & a screened porch across the back. Wood stove & electric baseboard heat along w Heated winter waterlines, allow 4 season use. The interior is finished in Cedar & Maple hardwood flrs w a Maple Kit. & carpet in the bdrms. The Bunkie & shed are newer & not insulated yet.

**Debra Lambe**
Haliburton Office
457-1011
ext. 244**LOCATION - \$274,900**

Large and well maintained 3 B.R. home in heart of Haliburton with easy access to all amenities. Situated on corner, landscaped lot w/fenced yard for privacy and lovely gardens. Some features included hardwood oak floors, slate flooring at entrance, main floor laundry and main floor bedroom, propane fp and carport. Newer windows, roof and furnace. Town sewers. Would be perfect home, rental or home business location.

**Estate Lot - \$99,900**

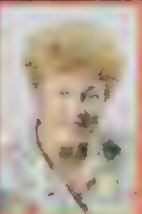
Private estate lot (5.5 acres) located in newer subdivision in Haliburton w/ spectacular view of both Grass and Head Lake and absolutely beautifully treed. Conveniently located close to Sir Sandford Fleming College and shopping area. Cleared site, drilled well, driveway and septic approved. Located on dead end road for privacy.

**Denise LeBlanc**
Minden Office
286-2911
ext. 33**Lutterworth Pines - \$124,900**

Affordable 2 bdrm home with a paved drive & dble car garage. Some recent upgrades incl. shingles in 02, oil furnace & tank in 04 & new fridge & stove in 09. Kitchen & livingroom are quite spacious w/ an open concept type of design all on one floor. Two nice porches have been added one at the front screened & one at the back to leave your boots in. An excellent home for a retired couple or first time home buyer.

**Deeded Access to South Lk - \$129,900**

Awesome little 2 bdrm house/cottage offering year round use and year round access. Cute and cozy, bright and clean featuring new shingles in 2008 and a high efficiency propane furnace too. A nice 3 pc bath has just been redecorated and the building is equipped with all thermopane windows. Add to this deeded access to South Lake just across the rd and you've got a nice starter package.

**Elizabeth Thompson**
Haliburton Office
457-1011
ext. 248**The Springhill-On Lot 6 - \$443,000**

The Stohart Creek development of elegant custom homes is nestled within the natural landscape of the Haliburton Highlands, approx 2 km from the village of Haliburton. The Springhill is a spacious 3089 sq ft 3-bdrm home, featuring a large great rm, master suite w/ sitting rm, screened-in porch off the breakfast area, 2nd fl bonus room of 685 sq ft w/ drywall finish, as well as an att. dble gar. & front & back porches. Plus GST.

**On Lot 13 - \$329,900**

The 'TBM07-2694' is a 4 bdrm 2037 sq. ft. two storey home, featuring LR/DR with 9 ft ceilings, mn fl master suite, lg kitchen w/ island, mn fl laundry, & att. dble gar. (FP & stonework optional). Maintenance free exteriors & innovative technologies, such as Geothermal heating & cooling and ICF foundations, result in significant monthly savings. Plus GST.

**Fred Chapple**
Minden Office
286-2911
ext. 43**Big Boshkung Lake - \$459,500**

Fabulous Big Boshkung Lake Beckons!! Level, nicely treed lot with sand beach and magnificent big lake view facing directly west. Charming, open concept four bedroom waterfront home/cottage with carport. Detached insulated workshop. Miles of boating on this pristine three lake chain. Shared ownership in over 20 acres of parklands known as Sherwood Forest assures privacy and room to roam.

**Little Boshkung Lake - \$635,000**

Very spacious custom built viceroi style back split home or cottage. Vaulted ceilings and open concept main rooms allow for great entertaining. Three bedrooms and three baths and a finished lower level with family room and wet bar. A modern large gazebo and a one bedroom with bath, kitchenette & living rm all in a one slip covered boathouse with sand beach & a glorious western sunset completes the picture.

**Geoff Bunn**
Haliburton Office
457-1011
ext. 242**Fred Jones Road - \$124,900**

Complete privacy on this property, overlooking a small pond. This 3 bedroom, 1 bath with main floor laundry home is only minutes to the town of Haliburton, or just down the road to public access to Drag Lake.

**Starter or Retirement - \$129,900**

Great starter or retirement home, centrally located in Wilberforce. Steps away from all amenities, and a short walk to access on Pusey (Dark) Lake. Level lot with large mature trees and a 16'x16' shed. The house has had many recent upgrades. Very neat and well laid out bungalow that shows pride of ownership. You don't want to miss this one!

**Jeff Wilson**
Haliburton Office
457-1011
ext. 233**Newly Constructed - \$299,000**

Residential - Newly constructed home close to town, very private setting. Modern 3+ bdrm home with ensuite off master. Open concept living room/ kitchen w/ pine floors throughout. In floor heating throughout w/ a wood burning FP on main floor. Finish the bsmt to your liking w/ 9' ceilings & 3rd bath roughed in. Circular driveway, drilled well & septic. Insulated Concrete Formed from the ground up.

**Residential - \$199,000**

Be on the water for less than \$200 Thousand. Enjoy this beautiful level lot, 3 bedroom home or cottage with access to Maple, Grass and Pine Lakes. A perfect first cottage. Also old original cottage exists on property.

**Ken* Barry**
Haliburton Office
457-1011
ext. 228**Green Lake - \$269,900**

Waterfront home or cottage with new windows, pine cathedral ceilings, paved driveway, single garage and storage building. The lot is level with a hard sand beach area and a beautiful creek off to one side.

**Barry Line - \$118,000**

Great starter or retirement home with numerous upgrades. Full, finished walkout basement to the private, level front yard. Very private setting close to skiing, golfing, shopping, public beach and Crown land.

**Linda* Baumgartner & Troy Austen**
Haliburton Office
457-1011
ext. 231**Highland Street - \$139,500**

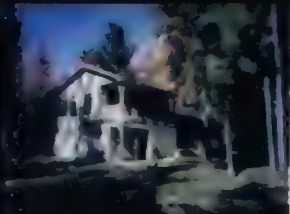
3 bedroom home in the town of Haliburton. 4 piece bath, closed in front porch, main floor laundry, walk to all amenities. Drilled well, town sewers, 200 amp hydro, FAO heat, vinyl siding and shingled roof. Great double lot with good size back yard.

**Hwy. 118 - \$128,500**

Three bedroom family home located close to the Village of Haliburton. Large eat in kitchen and separate dining area, 4 pc bath, main floor laundry, main floor master bedroom and 2 bedrooms on the second level. Nice back yard with firepit and pretty garden.

**Lynda Litwin**
Minden Office
286-2911
ext. 35**Haliburton Village Home - \$233,900**

Free Internet, Rental income from internet tower, 3 bedroom home with walk out basement, screened in porch, studio over garage +++ so much more. Call Lynda Litwin to view this home

**South Lake Home - \$399,900**

Custom kitchen, huge dining and entertainment area, sunken living room, walk out to lake, level lot, triple garage with workshop. Only 5 minutes to Minden. Call Lynda Litwin to view this home

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 Madeline Doyle Haliburton Office 457-1011 ext. 250	 Must Be Seen - \$159,900 Lovely bright 3 bedroom, 2 bath home on 1.1 acres with deeded access to the river leading to Main Lake across the road. Lots of boating or canoeing. 1400 square feet of living space, on year round road. Furniture and many upgrades. Must be seen to appreciate.	 Sandford Court - \$99,900 A beautiful 1.5 acre Sandford Court with 100 ft. frontage. Spectacular view of West Head Lake and Grand Lake. Close to shopping and schools with the feel of country. Well used driveway in and Septic approved.
 Marilyn Hawley Haliburton Office 457-1011 ext. 237	 Minnissock Lake - \$799,995 Luxury & privacy on serene Minnissock Lake. The quality built 3 bdrm, 3 bath cottage with sleeping loft & bunkie sits on 2.4 acres w/ 200 ft of waterfront. An artful blend of wood throughout provides a warm & comfortable atmosphere. Enjoy the unique wood fired cedar hot tub in the waterfront that come made to the spacious sauna. Next to the lake, a hot tub, sun-tunnel solar water skylights and cathedral ceilings are just a few of the special qualities of this cottage. Loads of parking & a pad in place for a garage. Cottage wired for a generator.	 Highland Grove - \$1,299,000 Located in a quiet area, surrounding the 100 ft. frontage, 2 bath home is the perfect place to relax. Highland Lake is just down the road. The home is beautifully landscaped and offers a 1.5 acre lot, 2 car garage with a water bench. A wood-burning fireplace, three decks and the best for any maintenance. 200 amp service and a perfect for a boat. Beautiful view of premium forested property. Highland Grove is a 10 minute drive to Bancroft.
 Marj & John Parish Haliburton Office 457-1011 ext. 226	 Drag Lake Lot! - \$225,000 370 Feet of Frontage, 2.64 Acres on Beautiful Drag Lake. Nestled in a Quiet Bay.	 Sir Sam's Ski Resort At Your Back Door! - \$1,299,000 1.1 Acre Quiet Lot. Located at the Top Chairlift.
 Melanie Vigrass Minden Office 286-2911 ext. 40	 Buckskin Lake - \$274,900 Extensively renovated cottage with 18' frontage on a deep spring fed lake backing onto Crown Land. This two bedroom cottage features a living room with woodstove and a large pine accented cathedral ceiling, family room with wall to wall windows which gives you extra space for overflow guests. A large deck that runs the length of the cottage has access to the living room and family room. A natural lot means no snow mowing! The majority of furnishings and a paddle boat and canoe are included.	 Sir Sam's Area Lots - \$1,299,000 These two lots of frontage are in an area of newer homes with swimming pools, beach and restaurant across the lake. The first lot has 1.85 acres for \$1,100,000 and the second lot has 1.1 acres for \$1,199,000.
 Peter Brady Haliburton Office 457-1011 ext. 234	 Maple Sands Resort - \$1,100,000 This fine property once the finest dining room in the county operated as Maple Sands Resort for many years on the sandy shore of Maple Lake. As a 4 season retreat, the opportunity remains for providing hospitality within the newly renovated 9800 sq ft main lodge building & 11 updated cabins poised at the water's edge.	 Riverfront Acreage - \$219,000 WONDERFUL Magnificent Lake the peaceful relaxation in this 37 acre forest and thousands of feet of meandering river. Two buildings at the water's edge and a lovely view of the lake. 3 bedroom home and two sunrooms. Invite your senses to enjoy all the surroundings.
 Ted Vasey Haliburton Office 457-1011 ext. 223	 Kennisis Lake - \$445,000 170 feet of sand shoreline in this quiet bay - 1494 sq. ft. cottage or home. Spacious country kitchen with w/o to porch - w/o living room to deck - fireplace - 3 bedrooms - guest cabin - garage - beautiful sunsets from here - private boat launch - swp road.	 Highway Commercial - \$269,000 Well maintained 3 bedroom brick home - w/o to hardwood floors - full finished basement with stone fireplace - 1790 sq. ft. garage - 20' x 28' body and paint shop - outdoor wood stove - 2.25 acres in County Rd. #1.
 Terry Carr Haliburton Office 457-1011 ext. 236	 Drag Lake - \$319,000 Follow a winding driveway into a private, level setting on Outlet Bay. This 3 bdrm. cottage has a newly renovated kitchen, 3 large bedrooms and a four piece bath. 180 feet of water frontage within a sheltered bay on beautiful Drag Lake, also gives you access to scenic Spruce Lake. Lovely gardens and a fabulous sand beach make this cottage a true retreat.	 320 Acres - \$197,500 220 acre parcel perfectly located between Stormy Lake & Little Shuter Lake. Access from either Alton Road or Nettle Trail and back onto Crown Land for even more outdoor fun. Stormy Creek travels from one end to the other and property has several trails. Right of way for Nettle Trail a southern corner of property. Presumptive easement may exist for access to another property.
 Tom & Gail Tempest Minden Office 286-2911 ext. 41	 Moore Lake Treasure - \$350,000 Cute & charming is the only way to describe this cottage/home located on Moore Lake. South facing frontage is sandy rocky w/ deep water off the dock. 17' x 16' bunkie right at the shoreline. Large sunroom has hot tub which can be used year round. Hear the water rush over Moore Falls & enjoy complete privacy. This property is very clear and well maintained. Don't miss this opportunity for a year round property which is positioned well for the CTR & river.	 Moore Lake Marina - \$229,000 Previously known as Moore Lake Marina this beautiful waterfront property with frontage on Highway 105 is on the main access route to the Haliburton Highlands building approx. 4,500 sq. ft. with C-1 zoning. 2 apartments above could generate rental income. Phase II environmental study completed. Price is as is.
 Vince Duchene Haliburton Office 457-1011 ext. 225	 Haliburton Home - \$187,900 This 3 bedroom home is located on Ridgeview Road in Haliburton. Situated on 3.77 acres this walkout design gives you a lot of house. The flooring throughout is all brand new, freshly painted, new pine trim and featured is the open concept LR/KTDR with pine cathedral ceiling. Main floor laundry and large walk out to deck off the living room tops it off. Asking \$187,900.	 Living By The Lake - \$370,000 A gem! Renovated throughout. Lots of wood interior, open concept cottage. AND a spectacular boathouse overhanging the lake WITH a finished guest cabin and screened in sunporch to capture a sense of "being by the lake". The property has a spectacular view over South Bay of Haliburton Lake and offers great swimming, boating and fishing opportunities. Asking \$370,000.
 Rick Forget, Iona Fournier & Mary Hamden Wilberforce Office 448-2222	 Grace River - \$299,000 Four Season Home/Cottage with 195' sandy shoreline on Grace River w/ access to 2 lakes being extremely close to Grace Lake. Not only do you have a great view of Grace Lake from your deck, but you can also watch the spectacular sunsets from the deck as well. This home also features a 10' x 20' heated swimming pool for when the water levels start to drop. Great private setting w/ small boathouse, a water edge and a small Bunkie at back of property. For more access, close to all amenities. Like bright sun, a beautiful view.	 Wilberforce - \$699,000 Great getaway at an exceptional price. This 3 bedroom cottage is well maintained with new roof, drilled well, septic and located on a year round municipal road. This could be easily converted to year round use. Municipal access to 2 lakes and a boat launch close at hand. See it today!

H1N1 Vaccination Clinics

Who can be vaccinated?

- People under the age of 65 with chronic medical conditions, including cardiac disease, chronic pulmonary diseases (especially asthma), diabetes, cancer, renal disease, HIV, and transplant patients;
- Pregnant women;
- Healthy children from six months to five years;
- Health care workers involved in pandemic response or the delivery of essential health care services;
- Household contacts and care providers of people at high risk who **cannot** be immunized or may not respond to vaccines.

Who should not attend a clinic?

- Please do not attend a clinic if you have a fever, new or worsening cough or body aches.

What to bring?

- Ontario Health Card and/or Driver's Licence

Where are the clinics?

Haliburton: Royal Canadian Legion, Mountain Street
Monday, November 9 from noon to 6 pm

Saturday, December 5 from 10 am to 2:30 pm

Minden: Minden Community Centre, 55 Parkside Street

Monday, November 16 from noon to 6 pm

Monday, December 7 from noon to 5 pm

Wilberforce: Lloyd Watson Centre, County Road 648

Tuesday, December 1 from noon to 6 pm

Please check website regularly for additional clinics.

Toll-free:
1-866-888-4577

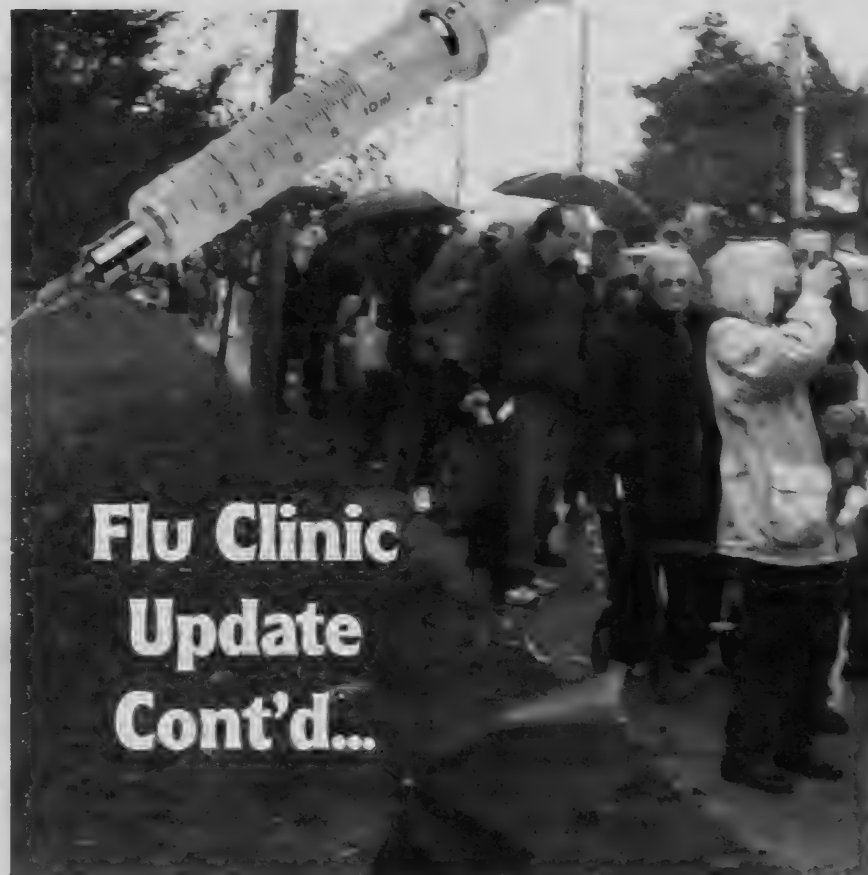


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to five years, adults under 65 with chronic health conditions such as asthma and diabetes, pregnant women, and front-line health care workers. Haliburton's next clinic will be this coming Monday, November 9th, from noon until 6 pm, again at the Legion on Mountain Street in Haliburton.

HKPR officials could not say at this time when clinics will be open to those not in the "high-risk" categories. Communications Officer Chandra Tremblay said, "We will make that announcement when we see how well the first phase, or "high-risk" clinics have gone." To this point, no vaccine will be available in Haliburton County through family physicians, nor will there be any school clinics.

On Monday a Flu Assessment Clinic was opened at the Family Medical Centre to relieve pressure on the two emergency departments at the Haliburton and Minden hospitals. "We're proud to say that this is the first Assessment Clinic to open in our entire Central Local Integrated Health Network (C-LHIN) area [which includes Peterborough and Lindsay]," said HHHS CEO Paul Rosebush. On Monday the Clinic assessed just 17 people. On Tuesday, when officials expected the Walk-In Clinic to be jammed, only slightly more traffic than usual was recorded, and the Flu Assessment Centre was also not very busy.

However, no one can say for certain that last week's spike won't be repeated in the weeks ahead. "It's far too early to say that we've seen the worst," cautions the Haliburton Family Medical Centre's Office Manager Cheryl Kennedy, "although the figures this week are really encouraging."

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This vaccine will be available for every Canadian. To find out where you can receive it, please check with your provincial and territorial public health authority.

For more information on the H1N1 flu and the vaccine, go to www.fightflu.ca or call 1 800 O-Canada.



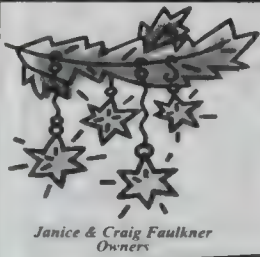
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Friday December 25th

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County Council Cuts Off Rail Trail Presentation

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

Pamela Marsales has conducted exhaustive in depth research into rail trails and their management over the last number of years, but she certainly has her share of difficulties in presenting her views to County council on the Haliburton County Rail Trail (HCRT). Ms. Marsales attempted to present a draft resolution for County Council's consideration last week about a process to establish a new Rail Trail Management Committee, but her presentation was abruptly cut short and referred to the Economic Development & Tourism Committee.

Marsales had no desire to comment on the outcome of the meeting, but did say she felt a bit like a ping pong ball, as she continues to be referred back and forth between the committee and Council. Marsales was listed as a delegation to the Committee last month but there seemed to be a miscommunication about times. As she missed that opportunity, she was invited to address Council but to no avail.

The draft resolution that Marsales asked Council to consider directed their Economic Development Committee to enter into a broad collaborative consultation with interested community groups, examine best practices from a variety of rail trails and consider the concerns of adjacent landowners over the next several months to assist them in arriving at a set of recommendations for the establishment of a new Rail Trail Committee.

In her presentation, Marsales wrote that the resolution had been carefully worded in an effort to rectify past inequities and uphold the County's strategic plan. She wrote, "It is developed out of close firsthand knowledge of the steps leading up to the current Rail Trail Master Plan, the inception and dissolution of the past management committee, and the frustrations experienced by a broad cross section of County residents and visitors."

Marsales pointed out that many local collaboratives, like the Arts Council, Communities in Action, Coalition of Haliburton Associations, the Cycling Coalition, the Environmental Collaborative, Active Living Communities Roundtable, Green Business Haliburton Initiative and more, were not in existence when the Master Plan process was initiated, something that she felt was very significant given that they all stand to have an interest in the future development of the HCRT.

"All of the collaborative initiatives in the community have come together through passion and commitment and their work would be an excellent resource to draw upon as you go forward," she said.

Marsales reminded Council in her deputation that the rail trail is located in a community that strives to be a tourist destination but is devoid of basic amenities and services and is underutilized by locals and visitors alike. "It is undervalued and is commonly associated with controversy and rancour rather than with the pride and fervour felt by other communities with well developed rail trails."

She went on to say that collaboration and vision is key and what is required is wise and informed management with a passion to imagine bold projects and the energy and creative marshalling or resources to see these projects through to completion.

Despite having presented the resolution for Council's consideration, Marsales asked them to defer voting on it as it had been presented at the eleventh hour without the opportunity for it to be accompanied by a staff recommendation.

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison stood and said that she could not support a resolution coming from a private citizen and suggested that Marsales attend the Economic Development & Tourism Committee meeting and make suggestions to them.

"This Council turned the Rail Trail over to the committee and I would prefer that the recommendation come from them," she said. "They are able to take deputations and any suggestions or recommendations should come from them." Algonquin Highlands Deputy Reeve Tom Gardner supported her statements, suggesting that Marsales was trying to 'short circuit' the process by coming directly to Council.

Marsales argued that the Master Plan process had come through the Council and that anything to do with the Rail Trail essentially comes back to them. She also pointed out that the direction to the Committee to form a new management committee had also come from Council which is why she was addressing them.

Marsales' concern was that no specific terms of reference had accompanied the direction to form a new management committee and that in 2003 the Master Plan had been governed by limited knowledge and perspective, which has changed dramatically over the last few years.

Marsales asked the Council to re-read the Master Plan and keep in mind that each phrase in it has an impact.

Gardner suggested that the Committee be allowed to do their job, but when he said that it was clear that they would be making recommendations, Marsales argued that they would likely make those recommendations without any consultation.

She said, "When [Dysart Reeve] Murray Fearrey asked for groups to make recommendations they were given little time to respond." She referred to a poorly worded communiqué from Trails and Tours which she said had only given three

days notice to respond.

An argument ensued between various members of Council and Marsales and finally Warden Dave Burton cut the discussion off by reading out a resolution to simply receive the deputation by Marsales as information.

Marsales continued to attempt to gain clarification from Council on how the process would proceed, particularly on the issue of consultation, but to no avail as the resolution was passed which effectively and summarily dismissed her.

When contacted after the meeting, Marsales voiced her frustration and would only say that it had been a somewhat humiliating experience. She suggested that the County Council are a close minded group that had reached a preconceived decision based on limited knowledge and appear to have no interest in expanding that knowledge.

Frustrated as she might be, Marsales has no intention of giving up. She fully intends to attend the next Committee meeting and in the meantime is continuing her research, looking at as many as 87 rail trails in the hopes of bringing them together in some fashion. ■

Waiting for the Harcourt Sawmill

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

"We're optimistic that the project will proceed." (Wayne Barnes)

Despite lofty promises by Greenview Wood Products' owner Frank Yantha and Natural Resources Minister Donna Cansfield last August that the old (Martin) sawmill in Harcourt was to re-open and a cogeneration operation get under way within a few short months, it has now been 15 months of absolutely no action at all, and the project is starting to become a bit of a mystery.

When Cansfield announced that the Ontario government would be supporting a plan to restart the sawmill and set up the four megawatt cogeneration operation, they committed a \$1.5 million dollar grant and a further \$2.4 million dollar loan guarantee for a project expected to generate as many as 30 permanent local positions and have a total estimated value of \$12.3 million dollars.

Finalizing the legal documentation took a bit longer than anticipated and delays in equipment deliveries out of the States kept the project on hold during the remainder of 2008. But Yantha and government representatives continued to assure the public that things were still on track.

In the meantime Yantha was investigating additional plans to expand the operation to include a pellet mill that would generate further electricity and establish a product that could be utilized by Ontario Hydro to fire their generators. At the time, Yantha said, "Pellet manufacturing will go hand in hand with our existing plans and we will be able to work on this additional project through our existing agreement with the Ministry."

But still there has been no action.

While rumours drift in the wind that things are finally getting underway and there has been a hint of activity on the site, numerous attempts made by the County Voice to get an update from Yantha have been unsuccessful.

The government however, continues to offer assurances that the project is on track. Wayne Barnes, Manager of Investment Programs, Forest Sector Competitiveness Secretariat with the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines and Forestry said, "Our grant and loan guarantee commitment still stands."

According to Barnes, Yantha is working diligently on behalf of Greenview Wood Products to advance the project and that he is "optimistic and hopeful that it will proceed." Any other details about the project were considered to be "commercially confidential and sensitive information."

"The affairs of all of our commercial applicants are confidential. When we make an offer of a grant or loan it is public, but the financial details of an undertaking and the internal details of the company remain confidential."

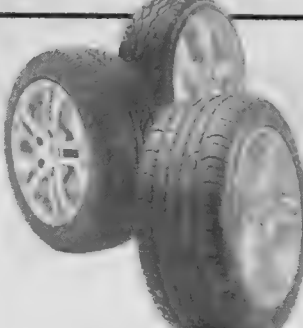
When asked if there were any time lines or restrictions associated with the project, Barnes said that the legal agreements had been executed and, even if there were deadlines, the government would be open to extensions as long as there was reasonable rationale for any delay. He also confirmed that there would be absolutely no penalties from their perspective for any delays.

When asked if there was any possibility that government funding would be withdrawn, Barnes said, "I suppose if, for whatever reason, we were to expect that the proponent would not be pursuing things and the project was dead we would rescind the offer."

"But," he added, "Assuming he is working on the project and it is good for both the region and the province our support would continue." He added that there was no reason not to believe that (Yantha) is working on the project and that he hoped to see the project get underway soon.

Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey confirmed that neither he nor his staff had received any word of the project, but stressed how much it would mean to the area.

One thing is fairly certain. It is late in the year and unlikely that too much activity will be seen on the site until the spring. Once again, while residents look forward to activity in the area, it is more likely that we'll have to wait and see what another spring thaw brings to the Harcourt area. ■



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Bank of the Gull gets Second Sculpture on the RiverWalk

Walter Vanderwindt was busy creating a second sculpture along the Gull River this past Monday. The carving, that of a female hiker, is the result of a private commission and Vanderwindt's commitment to Minden Hills Riverwalk project. Two more wood sculptures are presently scheduled to adorn the Riverwalk including a large 11ft (3.4m) representation of a trapper, created by Neil Cox and a smaller, 5 ft (1.5m) intricate sculpture of a little girl in mask and flippers carved by John Hagarty. The works by Cox and Hagarty were both proposed by Vanderwindt and will be financed through a Haliburton County Development grant for the Riverwalk Committee. ■

Break and Enters Reported in Highlands East

(Bancroft, ON.) On Saturday the 31st of October 2009 Officers from the Bancroft detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police responded to the report of a break and enter on Atlantic Lane in the Municipality of Highlands East. Investigation revealed that sometime between the 12th and 31st of October 2009 unknown suspects forcibly entered a seasonal residence. Property reported stolen included a fan.

Bancroft Officers found a second break and enter to a shed at another seasonal residence on Atlantic Lane.

Investigation also revealed one break and enter to a seasonal residence on Amy Drive in the Municipality of Highlands East. Unknown suspects forcibly entered a cottage. Bancroft Officers located property damage at two other seasonal residences on Amy Drive.

Anyone with information about these break and enters, theft or mischief are encouraged to contact the Bancroft OPP at 613-332-2112 or CRIMESTOPPERS at 1-800-222-TIPS. ■

Damage to Vehicle in Cardiff

On Sunday the 01st of November 2009 Officers from the Bancroft OPP received the report of a mischief on Hemlock Street in Cardiff, Municipality of Highlands East. Investigation revealed that sometime overnight unknown suspects scratched a pickup truck that was parked in a private drive.

Anyone with information about this mischief is encouraged to contact the Bancroft OPP at 613-332-2112 or CRIMESTOPPERS at 1-800-222-TIPS. ■



Police Reports

Fenelon Township Man Hurt in Shooting Accident in Minden Hills

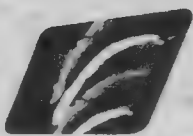
(HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS, ON.) – On Saturday (24 Oct) at approximately 12:40 p.m. the Haliburton Highlands OPP were called to a parking lot at 8193 County Road 503 in Minden Hills Township, in regards to a man that had been shot.

A 64-year-old man was hurt when he received a gunshot wound to his left leg. Haliburton Highlands OPP attended the scene along with the local Emergency Services (ambulance).

William BURBIDGE of Fenelon Township received non life threatening injuries and was transported by ambulance to Minden Hills Hospital for treatment. Chad BURBIDGE, 30 years old, of Richmond Hill received minor injuries and was also transported to Minden Hills Hospital and was treated and released.

A number of long guns were seized at the scene by police.

The investigation is continuing but no foul play is suspected at this time. ■



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Minden Health Care Auxiliary Hosts 3rd Annual Bonspiel

On Halloween Night last Saturday 16 teams of curlers participated in the Minden Health Care Auxiliary's 3rd Annual Bonspiel in support of the Minden Hospital. Approximately \$1900.000 was raised towards the purchase of a blood analyzer (Hematology Tester) for the Minden Emergency Department. In keeping with the Halloween spirit, several costumed characters were roaming among the crowd, while the club's "Kitchen Witches" manned the cauldrons and served lunch to competitors.

Winners of the first draw: Don Pflug, Sue Pethick, Eric Casper & Wendy Aubry.
Winners of the second draw: Jack Taylor, Winn Taylor, Jim Groen & Diane Ryan.
Best Halloween costumes: Steve & Audrey Robson. ☐



"Kitchen Witches" Marion Gillanders (L) and Pat Woodcroft (R)



Marilyn Burrows, Auxiliary Past President and convener.



Minden Curling Club President, Steve Robson, and his wife Audrey. Winners of the Best Costume prize.



Judith McNeillage, Vice President of Minden Health Care Auxiliary and bonspiel co-convener

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The Minden Youth Bowling League began its season with a fun day on Saturday, October 31st. Bowlers ranged in age from four to 16 years with high school volunteers helping out with organization and scoring. Fast Lane owners Val and Andy Lennox are providing the Saturday morning league at no cost to the kids, and in addition to cumulating community hours for their high school diplomas, volunteers have the opportunity to use the lanes at times of their choosing.

The Lennox's hope to make bowling a learning experience by integrating themes such as science and history into the day's activities. Val explained how the pulleys and gears behind the alleys work as a good example for

the Ontario science curriculum dealing with pulleys, gears and levers, and that the pins display geometric patterns. By taking the numbers off the lanes and naming each after a prime-minister, she hopes that

kids will increase their knowledge of civics and history.

Free bowling, fun learning and exposure to a life-long activity, seems like a win-win-win situation. For more information call the Fast Lane at 286-3900. ■



Minden RiverKings Run into Penalty Trouble in Loss

Facing a familiar foe in Oro-Medonte 77's, a team they faced for the fourth time already, the RiverKings lost a little cool and allowed the 77's to take the game 6-3. Four of the 77's goals were powerplay markers, while another came on the 4-on-4. The 77's picked up their share of penalties as well, as the game got chipper as it went along.

The game started off calm enough, though the 77's came out strong, going up 3-0 thanks largely to their speed. The RiverKings defence had trouble for the much of the night containing the 77's fast breaks. Minden dressed a squad battling sickness, several of whom were coughing throughout the game. Drew Moffatt broke the ice for the RiverKings, shooting in a loose puck off a powerplay of their own.

The second period was the most entertaining of the night, no goals were scored but it was very evenly matched play that saw great saves and several scoring chances. The trash talking between the two teams begins to really intensify, especially with the added frustration from both teams concerning questionable calls from the refs. In one example, Drew Moffatt appeared to be on-side as he received the puck at the blue line, but he was whistled down as he went in for the breakaway on the offside.

Though the first two periods saw several minor penalties and words exchanged, things really exploded in the third. Penalties began being dished out left, right, and centre, especially towards the RiverKings. The 77's took advantage of their numerous powerplays, scoring two quick goals to go up 5-1. The RiverKings were not so fortunate on their powerplay, but

managed to get one to make it 5-2. They appeared to score again moments later, but it was called back due to an altercation that led to penalties just before the goal.

The way the game was going, you knew that a fight had to be coming, and sure enough, Drew Moffatt got into one to relieve some of that frustration. Though facing a bigger guy, Moffatt

held his own and even had the other guy kicked from the game, after he tried to slew foot Moffatt during the fight. Though the fight energized the RiverKings, the 77's scored again on a 5-on-3 powerplay. Minden scored shorthanded soon after, but they were already out of the game by then as the 77's squashed any late game heroics with their defensive play. ■

New Times Ahead for Snowmobiling

By Zoe Cittern

Snowmobiling, a favourite Canadian past time, has seen numerous changes over the years, from the sleds themselves to innovative new bridges and better trail systems. And this year, in June, saw the first female President of the Haliburton County Snowmobiling Association elected; Rosemary Vanstrien. She has had vast experience within snowmobile clubs, as a volunteer for a number of years covering trail patrol and signage along with being a treasurer for her local club and a co-chair of a volunteering committee. She first began riding as a child "we had skidoos when we're younger and I would ride with my brothers."

It seems that it was an inevitable process for Vanstrien to graduate to a senior position: "They wanted new blood in and they saw that I had a lot of experience. I decided that I would help out more than I had planned on straight away but here I am! I'm big on teams though, the directors and volunteers all work together effectively and it's been working out well." Vanstrien has lots of ideas for the club that she would like to see implemented over the course of the upcoming season, "I'd like to put the fun back into the sport, it seems that it's been taken away after all the risk management that goes on nowadays. I'd like to bring a new perspective to the sport, introduce more families to the sport and group activities that everyone can participate in."

She believes that the club "belongs to the permit holders not to the directors and everyone is welcome to join the meetings." She has been working with the ATV club, which has been helping them to widen the trails for the groomers and have re-decked a bridge for them.

In such a seasonal economy it is important for the county to have a strong tourism opportunity in the winter months. "Snowmobiling is so important to the county of Haliburton. We're a tourism agency all of our own, as long as we keep working with the councils in Haliburton and Minden and make sure we're working together to keep the trails going, we can keep the people coming."

Over the years more women have become involved with snowmobiling, and according to Vanstrien "women are now choosing their own sleds. Before it was their husband who would choose it for them but now they are having more choice in what their wearing and riding. There are a couple of districts where

the whole of the executive board is women. Lots of district managers are women which are usually paid positions."

Next January at the Pinestone will see another "Give It a Try Ride." Vanstrien explains that "it's specifically for people who have never been snowmobiling before. It's a big investment for people to get into the sport, so it's a great way for them to try it out before they sink some money into it. On the day they are given safety instructions and how to ride the sleds, they are completely outfitted for the day too; for no fee, it's completely free of charge. They are taken out on a run and by the end of the day you can't wipe the smiles off their faces. It's really another great way to get more riders out there."

Vanstrien says that she enjoys the community feel of the club: "It's really like a family unit, you meet someone once there and they'll still remember your name a year later. It's definitely a support system, when my son was out in Afghanistan everyone was so supportive

and caring. There are definitely lots of benefits to being a volunteer with us. It's a chance to learn and to really get a sense of community."

On February 27th 2010 the Pinestone will be the site for 'Snowarama,' the annual snowmobiling fundraising event which takes place across 30 communities in Ontario. Riders are taken out on a trail and the proceeds of the event go towards the organisation, 'Easter Seals,' which helps children with physical disabilities. "It's a great way to go riding knowing that your benefiting someone else" says Vanstrien.

For more information on the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association visit www.hcsa.on.ca or phone 457-4263. ■



Red Hawks Playoff Update and Sports Roundup

Battling sickness and the loss of several players due to flu and injury, the senior football team couldn't get it going against a stronger Kenner team, losing 23-0. The loss ends the Hawks' football season.

"We lost half our team to injury," said Coach Gary Brohman, "so we didn't have a good practice and before we knew it, we were down 14-0 to Kenner. Our guys showed great effort."

The senior soccer team lost 3-1 to Port Hope in the Kawartha Championship. Jesse Walker made great saves too keep the Hawks in the game, while Jesse Lefebvre scored the lone goal. The team played well considering all 22 players on Port Hope take part in local soccer clubs in addition to the high school team.

"I am really happy with our season," said Coach Bret Caputo. "The boys played hard right to the final whistle at Kawartha and we were never carded once all season!"

The junior soccer team lost in the Kawartha West Championship, so took part in the Wildcard Tournament to try and take part in the Kawartha Title. The Hawks played a solid first game, winning 3-1 thanks to a great team effort. Two goals were scored by Tanner Ballantyne, and another by Darcy Schmidt. Brett Yake made some key saves in net to preserve the win. The second game unfortunately was played right after as part of a back-to-back, and Haliburton didn't have enough juice.

"We had a very successful season - having won four games [in the season] is something of a recent record." Said Coach Bob Schmidt.

The senior girls' basketball team lost a heartbreaker 27-24 to St. Thomas in the Kawartha West championship. After a slow first quarter, the Hawks went on a run and made it a tight game right to the end. Tied at 24-24, St. Thomas made a 3-pointer in the final minute to win the game. It was balanced scoring from a team that had to pull together due to missing four players for the game.

The junior girls' basketball squad not only had sick players to worry about, but many of them played the same position. This resulted in Lindsay Snelgrove and Bailey Walker playing out of position to make up for missing players. Despite the valiant effort, especially by those just recovering from sickness, the Red Hawks fell 17-31 to Brock.

Both the senior and junior basketball squads will play in the Kawartha Wildcard Tournament. If they win both games they play, they can be entered into the tourney for the Kawartha Title. ■

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Red Hawks Senior Field Hockey Team are COSSA Champions

By Matt Flowers

Last Friday, the Gary G. Brohman Athletic Field transformed into a battlefield; with torrential, relentless rain pounding down from the skies, a muddy field that wreaked havoc on the speed of the game, and most of all, four teams battling it out for the honour of being called champions of Central Ontario. In the end, the Red Hawks proved to be the toughest team and came out as 2009's Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics (COSSA) champions. It marks the first time in Hal High history that the senior field hockey team won the COSSA tournament. The win allows Haliburton to advance to the tournament of the Ontario Federation of School Athletics Associations (OFSAA). The tournament takes place in Kitchener, starting today and lasting for three days, and pits the top 16 teams in Ontario.

Before the COSSA tournament and the chance to advance to OFSAA, the Red Hawks played in the Kawartha Championship to determine which teams would advance to COSSA. The girls played as solid as they had all season, winning twice to advance to the finals, but couldn't get any breaks as the St. Peter's Saints took the Kawartha title with a 1-0 win. Despite the loss, the Hawks were more determined than ever to show what they could do at COSSA.

The COSSA tournament consisted of four teams, playing in a two game format. This was no friendly round robin tournament. The winner of one semi-final match advanced to face the winner of the other semi-final - you lose one match, you're out.

The first game of the day saw Kawartha Champions St. Peter's advancing to the finals after a win over Crestwood. Hal High, relishing the chance to face St. Peter's in the finals once again, had to get through the North Hastings Huskies from Bancroft first. The match turned out to be as dramatic as a game can get. The Huskies had more scoring chances in the first half, but it was the Red Hawks' who led 1-0 after the first half, a goal scored by Lindsey Pogue.

Haliburton dominated the second half, controlling the flow of the game as they have done all season. North Hastings picked up their game for a final push in the dying minutes of the game, trying to score the 1-1 equalizer. The aggressive Huskies' offense made for a very tense match to watch for the dozens of fans on the sidelines, braving the elements with umbrellas and

rain gear to cheer on the home team.

In the final seconds of the match, controversy struck. After centering the ball in front of the net, a Huskies forward prepared to swing and make a shot on goal. Before she could start swinging, the ref blew the whistle to indicate the end of the game. Already in swinging motion, the North Hastings forward shot and scored, a split second after the whistle. North Hastings cheered, the fans screamed that there was no way that goal could count because of the whistle, while the Red Hawks squad just looked in shock at what just happened, confused as to how the refs will determine the possible goal. In the end, the refs determined it was a goal, as well as the end of half. A very audible Morissette yelled from sidelines, "you can't do that!," echoing the sentiments of every Red Hawks fan in attendance.

The controversial goal gave the Huskies the momentum, and while the goal would deflate the spirits for many teams, the Hawks are far more resilient.

"We just had to regroup," said Morissette.

After two overtime periods that saw no goals, the game went to the shootout. North Hastings started out strong in the shootout after scoring on their first two shots, but missed their final three shots. Haliburton scored three times to officially win the match, one they deserved to win. Shootout goals were scored by Kara Pogue, Vicky Bukta, and Megan MacDuff.

After a one-hour break that gave the Hawks time to dry off, the Hawks stepped back out in the rain and mud to face the St. Peter's Saints for the chance to win the school's first COSSA title in field hockey. Like Haliburton, the Saints have never won COSSA either, so there was plenty on the line for what the refs called a "historic match."

From the very first minute of play, there was no doubt which team wanted it more. The Hawks were all over the field, outlasting the Saints despite having played just an hour before. Lindsey Pogue scored to make it 1-0 in the first half, and the Red

Hawks defenders did the rest, stopping all of the Saints attack. The Saints pressed a little harder in second half, but the Hawks got the all-important insurance marker in the last few minutes of the game, a goal scored by Megan MacDuff. When the final whistle blew, the Hawks swarmed their goalie in jubilation, then their coach, who looked just as elated as any one of her players.

Principal Gary Brohman, watching from the sidelines, called the victory "poetic

justice," mainly due to the drama of nearly having victory stolen from them in the semi's.

After the game, players from each team received medals for making the COSSA finals, and the Hawks got a trophy for their win, now proudly displayed in the trophy case at the high school.

"This championship," explained head coach Paul Morissette, "on this rainy miserable day in late October 2009 will be a moment frozen in the memory of a collective group of girls who simply believed in themselves and learned to trust each other. Nobody will ever take that away from them."

Juniors Top off Undefeated Season with Kawartha Title

Like their senior counterparts, the junior Red Hawks squad are also used to controlling the match and winning games. The team finished as first seed thanks to an outstanding undefeated season. Taking part in the Kawartha Championship in Peterborough, they continued their winning ways by taking the title after posting a win over Crestwood.

"They worked hard and deserve it," said coach Caley Sisson.

The tournament was tough going in as the team had numerous sickness and injuries to deal with. It was made tougher by playing in rainy, muddy conditions that lasted throughout the day. The team held tough in their first match, winning 1-0 over St. Peter's thanks to a goal from Jessica Bishop.

In the finals, the Hawks scored twice to take the game. Goals scored by Kaily Schell and Sandy Griffith.

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A Season of Success

If the junior team is any indication, the future of field hockey at Hal High looks very bright. The sport has always had a proud tradition at Hal High, kept going by the vested interests of field hockey alumni.

"In a sense this first COSSA championship can be shared by all the girls who had worn the red and white over the years," said Morissette.

The tournament wins by both the juniors and seniors are most certainly an impressive achievements, especially with the added hardships of playing in extreme weather conditions, but it doesn't really capture the scale of their field hockey season; the amount of effort, heart, and determination put in by a fully committed squad over months of hard work, working as a team to improve and be the best they could be.

"The girls made a commitment on the first day of school which was our first practice," said head coach Paul Morissette. "Commitment and hard work go hand in hand with success."

Morissette, along with junior head coach Caley Sisson, made it very clear from the beginning of the season what their expectations were for the season. Last year, the seniors lost in the COSSA final after making a great run in the playoffs. Morissette called the team a "Cinderella story." With higher expectations this year, Morissette and Sisson gave out a handout that outlined the vision for the season for all players. In the handout, there is one clearly stated goal: "To win our last game!" It is the attitude of playing each game like it's their last that gives the Red Hawks the mental edge over every team on the field. Opposing teams at OFSAA: beware! ■



Team Picture starting from back row left: Jr. Coach Caley Sisson, Sandy Griffith, Rachel Burk, Jessica Bishop, Brigitta Hicks, Vicky Bukta, Myia Newton, Brittany Howe, Jillian Mayhew, Grace Diezel, Emma, Stephens, Lily Coneybeare, Lindsey Pogue, Heather Cumming, Erin Pottier, Sr. Coach Paul Morissette, Front row from left - Kelsey Crowe, Monica Sullivan, Lucy Belli, Caitlin Hunter, Kara Pogue, Tiff VanLieshout, Megan MacDuff, Tara O'Sullivan

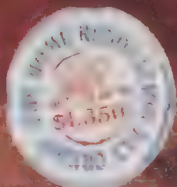
The Captains - from left side (Grace Diezel, Kara Pogue, Erin Pottier) and Coach Paul Morissette

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Dear Abby
by Abigail Van Buren

WIFE WANTS 'I LOVE YOU' TO BE RESERVED FOR THOSE SHE LOVES

DEAR ABBY: I have strong feelings about the word "love." I use it only when I truly mean it. My husband's family, however, bandies it about as a common word. How does one respond when someone says "I love you" when you know he or she doesn't mean it and is only saying it as a pleasantry? I hate saying it back to someone I don't really love. I feel the phrase should be reserved only when you are saying it from the heart. Any advice on what I should say, if anything at all? — KEEPING MUM IN MISSISSIPPI

DEAR KEEPING MUM: Because you are part of the extended family, and family is supposed to "love" each other, the expected and appropriate response would be, "I love you too, darlin'!" But since you can't bring yourself to go that far, just coo in return, "And you're such a love to say that!"

DEAR ABBY: I know it may seem early, but this is the best time to start thinking about the Christmas holidays. Can you offer suggestions on what to buy for family and friends? Money is tight in this economy, and lots of good folks are out of work. This issue will present itself for everyone. What can parents buy or give to their children and vice versa? — LOOKING AHEAD IN VISTA, CALIF.

DEAR LOOKING AHEAD: Money IS tight in this economy, and the unemployment figures are mind-boggling. For too long, every holiday has been turned into an opportunity to induce people to shop, shop, shop and buy, buy, buy. That's why I'm suggesting we stop for a moment, examine what's really important about the Christmas season, and focus on that instead of spending money. The time has come to seriously return to the basics. The most precious gift one can give is the gift of self. A meaningful example of the spirit of giving would be to volunteer some time as a family to serve food, or collect and distribute toys and clothing at a shelter or program for people who are in dire straits.

DEAR ABBY: After our father's death last year, my brother, "Rex," and I moved in with our mother to help her out emotionally and financially. Rex and I have always respected each other's privacy and have always supported each other. Rex has put a lock on his door, which makes Mom and me feel as if he doesn't trust us enough to respect his privacy. We have never invaded his space or given him cause not to trust us. He is a caring, considerate person, financially stable, socially active, and helps Mom out with any repairs needed around the house. I love him dearly, but I am puzzled that he feels he needs to lock his room as if we are not trustworthy. My feelings are hurt. Our family has never had trust issues before. What do you think of his behavior, and am I being overly sensitive? — OPEN-DOOR SIS IN MISSISSIPPI

DEAR SIS: Yes, you are, so please stop personalizing it. Your brother is an adult, and adults are entitled to their privacy — which, by the way, your brother has sacrificed to some extent by moving back with Mom and you. Respect his boundaries. The lock indicates to me that he feels he needs some.

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BORN THIS WEEK: You believe in loyalty and in keeping secrets. All things considered, you would probably make a perfect secret agent.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A long-sought workplace, change could be happening soon. Consider reworking your ideas and preparing a presentation just in case. A personal relationship takes a new turn.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A misunderstanding with a partner or spouse needs to be worked out before it turns into something really nasty. Forget about your pride for now and make that first healing move.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your persuasiveness doesn't really start to kick in until mid-week. By then, you can count on having more supporters in your camp, including some you doubted would ever join you.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Communication dominates the week. Work out any misunderstandings with co-workers. Also get back in touch with old friends and those family members you rarely see.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your workload is still high, but — good news! — you should start to see daylight by the week's end. Reserve the weekend for fun and games with friends and loved ones. You deserve it.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) As busy as your week is, make time for someone who feels shut out of your life. Your act of kindness could later prove to be more significant than you might have realized.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Regardless of how frustrating things are, keep that "Crab" under control. A cutting comment you might think is apt right now will leave others hurting for a long time to come.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Congratulations. Your busy workweek leads to some very satisfying results. Sports and sporting events are high on your weekend activities aspect. Enjoy them with family and friends.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Be more sensitive to the emotions of loved ones who might feel left out while you're stalking that new opportunity. Be sure to make it up to them this weekend. A nice surprise could be waiting.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Your generosity of spirit reaches out once again to someone who needs reassurance. There might be problems, but keeping that line of communication open eventually pays off.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) The gregarious Virgo rarely has a problem making new friends. But repairing frayed relationships doesn't come easily. Still, if it's what you want to do, you'll find a way. Good luck.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You are among the truth-seekers in the universe, so don't be surprised to find yourself caught up in a new pursuit of facts to counter what you believe is an insidious exercise in lying.

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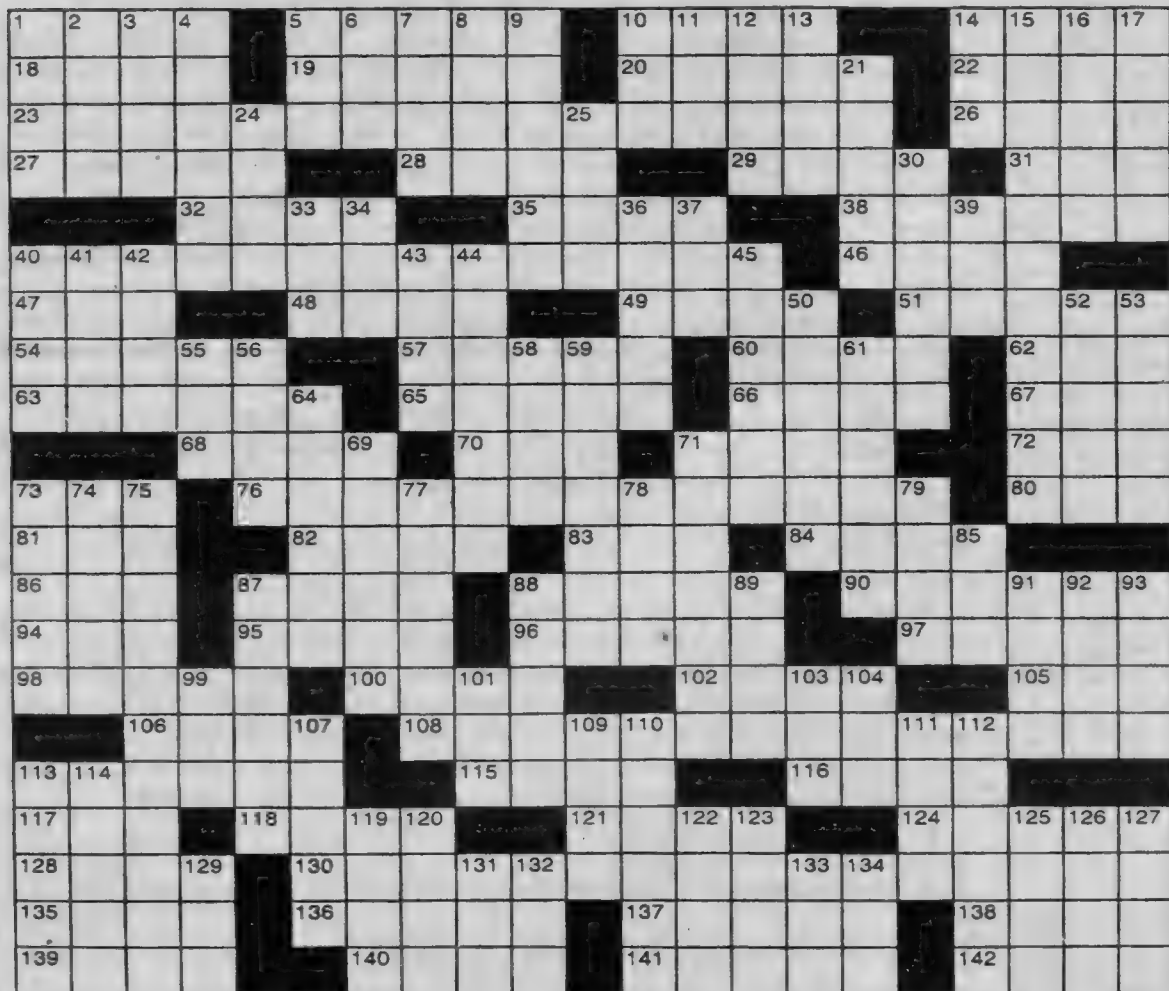
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102 Not — many words
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106 Canal feature
108 Poe short story?
113 Shortstop
115 Reese
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118 Where to find an incus
119 Moss or Mulgrew
121 "Eugene Onegin" character
124 Striped stone
128 Urban problem
130 "Joy to the World" rockers?
135 Caesar's cohort
136 It makes candy
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3 Philbin's co-host
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5 JFK Library architect
6 Magnuson or Dvorak
7 Tiffany treasures
8 Part of Q.E.D.
9 Sounds of music
10 Kind of cross
11 Sophisticated
12 Egyptian deity
13 Japheth's father
14 TV's "The — Squad"
15 Comic book hero?
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17 Hitching post?
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25 Long-necked bird
30 Cordiality
33 Pangolin's morsel
34 TV-listing abbr.
36 Worked in Vegas
37 Kreskin's letters
39 Carrere or Mowry
- 40 Scottish storyteller
41 Blood component
42 "Invaders from —" ('53 film)
43 Press
44 Malaga
45 '84 Daryl Hannah film
50 Kilt material
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61 Libra's symbol
64 Lumberjack's cry
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73 Couturier
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75 "It's — time!"
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78 Atmosphere
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ANSWERS: 1. The U.S. 2. Spain. 3. Germany. 4. Ireland. 5. Haiti. 6. France. 7. South Africa. 8. Indonesia. 9. Saudi Arabia.

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Places for People Says Thanks to its Volunteers

by Zoe Cittern

When buying a house isn't an option and rental prices are too high, the stark reality of homelessness can be just around the corner for some families and individuals. Haliburton is among the poorest counties in Ontario, but a group of initiatives are being implemented to ensure that at least some people who are in desperate need of help can be given a second chance. Places for People (P4P) is a community based project which is currently working on renovating a Haliburton house so it can be a home for two local families. Subsidized rent will still be paid, which will include the utilities, an important boost for low-income families. "Utilities are so unpredictable, they can skyrocket from one month to the next, which can be near impossible for a low-income family to pay along especially along with their rent so that's why we've included them" said Fay Martin, the P4P Chair.

Volunteers and organisers gathered at McKecks last Friday to hear about how the renovation is faring and what else can be done to help. It was also a way of showing thanks to the volunteers for all their hard work; they have repeatedly given up their time week after week to work on the house. "It's almost impossible for young people to get on the property ladder around here, how are they meant to carry on living where they want to if they can't afford it?" said Writer and Local Historian Leopoldina Dobrzensky, a volunteer for the project. Volunteer Bob Penfold added: "It's a really beautiful thing that the whole community is coming together for this."

The group are still fundraising and need as much support as they can get. Martin says that "this project is never going to be enough, we're just nibbling at the edges, but it's definitely a beginning step." Families had to fill in an application form and had to meet eligibility requirements and then those who met the requirements were interviewed to be selected to live in the house. They have just accepted a tenancy offer which will see them move in February 1st 2010.

The housing will be permanent so it's not just a temporary fix to a long term issue which means the families will be able to get back on track quicker and not have to feel that they need to find another solution for their problems. McKecks Blue Line will also be helping with the cause; they will be sending three staff members along to the house to help. You don't need to be physically fit either to help with the house; any help, small or large, can help with the home. The general contractor is on site all day from Monday to Friday and he "is prepared to incorporate volunteers at their level of ability" said Martin.

Local businesses and individuals have been very generous to the cause, donating their free time to renovating the house or donating money or building materials so the project will be able to succeed.

The house is still in need of materials such as windows, kitchen appliances, flooring and much more. If you want to donate your time or supplies to the cause please contact heatherreid@interhop.net or at 286-2411 or 489-2098 evenings. You can also visit www.placesforpeople.ca for further information.

There will also be upcoming work events which are currently scheduled for November 17th, 19th, 24th, 26th from 5:30 - 8:30pm and Saturdays November 21st and 28th from 9am - 4pm. ■

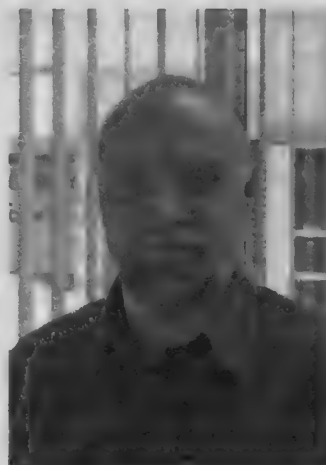


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The President's Report on Health

Impact of the eHealth Saga on the HHHS

By Paul Rosebush, President and CEO, Haliburton Highlands Health Services

The difficulties witnessed at eHealth over the last few months have been hard to ignore especially as the events there have had an indirect impact on healthcare here in Haliburton. Despite the

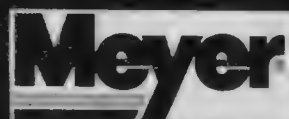
massive infusion of funding to the Crown Agency to support the development of electronic healthcare records across the province, we have not yet seen the emergence of a coordinated healthcare information system. In Haliburton we are still reliant on paper records at HHHS. Ontario citizens have been informed by various experts who have studied healthcare and the sustainability of our health care system that electronic health records will help to improve accessibility to healthcare, will lower costs, reduce errors, and avoid costly duplication of effort. These are indeed admirable and realistic goals but it appears that the structures put in place by the province to help us achieve such goals went astray.

HHHS, like all other healthcare providers, is operating at a time when maintaining our funding is a challenge. At HHHS we painstakingly examine every opportunity we can find to reduce our spending while at the same time we ask the community to continue to give generously to health care services. Despite taking these steps we continue to face a structural deficit and have to manage every dollar wisely, which we are quite prepared to do. To make economic matters worse Ontarians just learned recently in the Ontario Finance Minister's fall update that the provincial deficit is considerably larger than predicted this year which may lead to a freeze in government spending. If this is indeed the case we will continue to face significant financial strain at HHHS until the overall economy improves.

Another consequence of the eHealth saga is that it has slowed down the momentum that was building toward establishing electronic medical records in Haliburton. When I commenced my duties at HHHS last January, I could sense that Haliburton and our LHIN were on the cusp on making a major breakthrough in the development of a region wide electronic health records system. Talented people were working on this initiative and a number of funding proposals had been submitted to support it. However, with eHealth under the microscope the funding of serious and worthwhile initiatives such as the regional one we were a part of with the other hospital corporations in our LHIN, has been delayed. This is disappointing because Haliburton residents would truly benefit from having electronic health records. With such records available it would make it easier for patients who are required to go out of town to see a specialist to have their complete and accurate healthcare history available for review at the push of a button. It would also make it easier for a trauma patient who is transferred to another hospital to be treated because the receiving physician would have all of the patient's health information immediately available for review.

Electronic health records, when introduced elsewhere, have proven to provide patients with a higher level of safe and high quality care. This is because they reliably capture every facet of a person's healthcare from doctor's orders, to lab results, to pharmacy information, and are less prone to human error. There is also another longer term goal worth pursuing. Electronic health care records will allow individuals to access their own personal health information over the web as easily as they can access their banking information. With this new capability people will have the information they need to take greater control over their own health.

Despite what happened at eHealth HHHS will continue to focus on the positive benefits that electronic healthcare records can bring to a rural and remote community such as Haliburton. They can facilitate better communication between caregivers and better results for patients. At HHHS we currently have access to telemedicine, videoconferencing, digital radiology, and patient care data systems. These systems are the building blocks of an electronic health record system. We will continue to improve and refine their capabilities as we move towards a more sophisticated and integrated provincial system that will benefit the many residents of our community. ■



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This space must offer the following amenities: wheelchair accessible, parking, air conditioning, professional ambience, and broadband services.

The Haliburton County Development Corporation is a federally funded, not-for-profit corporation and is prepared to enter into a long term lease under the right circumstances.

Please submit available options to Andy Campbell, General Manager by November 13, 2009:

Mail: Haliburton County Development Corporation
P.O. Box 210, 49 Maple Avenue, Units 4 & 5
Haliburton, ON
K0M 1S0

E-Mail: acampbell@haliburtoncdc.ca
Telephone: (705) 457-3555
Fax: (705) 457-3398

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Help Wanted

Announcements

ANNOUNCEMENT -
Christmas Sale and Luncheon,
Haliburton United Church,
Saturday November 14th, 2009
11:00a.m.-2:00p.m. Crafts, bake
table, books, toonie table and
more. (NovA)

ANNOUNCEMENT - The
winner of the 2009 Knights of
Columbus 50/50 draw, which
was held on October 25th, 2009,
was John Miscio of Hamilton,
Ontario.

Wanted

WANTED - Old or antique used
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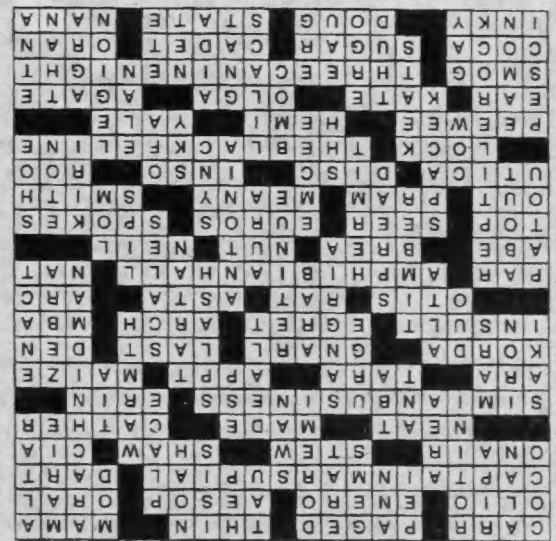
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I would like to wag my final goodbye to the thousands
of people and kids I met over the last 13 years. Thanks
for all the pats and kind words, not to mention the
treats I had to sneak by my owners. I had a wonderful
13 years. I could not have picked a better spot or caring
master
Same goes for Hobo, the cat who passed on August 13,
2009.

Thank You

Card of Thanks

The family of the late Sean Baumhour would like to
thank Highlands East Fire Department, the staff at
Haliburton Hospital, the community for all their
support and donations to Wilberforce Minor
Hockey Association, family and friends for their
kind words and support, and to M.G. Daly Funeral
Home.
Sean will live on in all the memories.

Thank You

The family of the late Vincent Connaughan wish to extend our
sincere thanks and appreciation to our relatives, neighbours,
and friends for their messages of Sympathy mass offering,
prayers, floral tributes, donations to St. Anthony's future fund
and Hospital Auxiliary, donations of food plus other donations,
at the time and loss of a husband and father.

A special thanks to Fr. John Burchat and Fr. John Lacey, alter
server, music and canta, and pallbearers. Thank you to our
friends and relatives who visited Vincent in the Peterborough
Hospital. A special thank you to the C.W.L. ladies who served
lunch after the funeral and Dwaine and Lori and Staff at the
Haliburton Community Funeral Home for all your support and
help. Sincere thank you and may God bless you all for your
thoughtfulness and kindness which will always be deeply
appreciated and remembered.

Rose, Dan and Darcy



The County of Haliburton Public Library

Is seeking qualified individuals to fulfill the duties of a part-time
Branch Assistant for the County of Haliburton Library Board. This
casual position will provide coverage to Minden Hills, Gooderham
Stanhope and Dysart branches on an as needed basis, with regular
weekend hours scheduled in the Dysart Branch. Interested
candidates are invited to submit a cover letter and resume **no later
than Monday, November 16th, 2009 at 12:00 p.m.** to the attention
of:

Tamara Wilbee, County Clerk and Human Resources
Email: twilbee@county.haliburton.on.ca
Delivery: 11 Newcastle Street, Minden
Fax: 705-286-4829
Mail: P.O. Box 399, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0

We thank all who apply for their participation in this process,
however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

In accordance with the *Municipal Freedom of Information and
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McKeck's

THE BLUE LINE



While we are closed for our extensive renovation, all employees of McKeck's will commit their usual working hours for the whole month of November to The Blue Line, the community support programme of McKeck's.

- Nov 2 Places for People
- Nov 3 Places for People
- Nov 5 Places for People
- Nov 6 Operation Christmas Child
- Nov 6 Poppies at the Beer Store
- Nov 7 Poppies at the Beer Store
- Nov 9 HHHSF X-Mas Fundraising
- Nov 9 Places for people, X-Mas Trees for Highland Street
- Nov 10 Places for People, X-Mas Trees for Highland Street
- Nov 11 Remembrance Day Legion Dinner (200 People), cooked/served by Team McKeck's
- Nov 12 HHHSF Fundraising
- Nov 13 X-Mas Decorating Highland Street
- Nov 14 X-Mas Decorating Highland Street
- Nov 16 Places for People
- Nov 17 Youth Unlimited Business Breakfast, Haliburton Arena
- Nov 18 Point in Time, Minden tbc
- Nov 20 Santa Claus Parade
- Nov 20 Places for People
- Nov 23 Places for People
- Nov 27 Shepherd's Table Community Supper

For more information or requests;
karen.frybort@mckecks.ca or
bonnie.hoenow@mckecks.ca

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Mose Scarlett Plays at the Highlands Museum

Zoe Cittern

Staff Reporter



Mose Scarlett has that rare unique talent that you don't see often enough, especially at small intimate venues, so the Haliburton Folk Society was lucky to have such an established artist play for them last Friday night.

Mose was 19 when he ventured into a record store in Cleveland, Ohio, to find a copy of a rare album. As he waited for a store assistant he started viewing all the guitars on display. "One of them hanging was the wall was \$17, it included the guitar strap and instruction booklet, I bought it that day and took it home. I still can't remember if I even bought that album. That night I learnt my first three chords." His career plan to become a physiotherapist soon changed and 40 years later, with thousands of performances in Europe and frequent tours of England, Mose is still going strong.

Preferring cover versions of 1930s and 40s songs, he admits that he enjoys the musical content rather than the lyrics. "I wrote three songs in 1966, then another three songs in 1978. Since then I've probably written a few every now and then, for me it's more the act of writing, once it's been written down I don't feel the need to perform it or put it against a melody."

Mose engages with the audience and shortly after taking to the stage has everyone in fits of laughter: he certainly doesn't take himself too seriously. "My music probably has changed over the years but as I have such a bloody bad memory I can't even remember what my last performance

was like."

Mose doesn't like to classify his genre of music, saying that "Music isn't instrument specific, and people have set notions and stereotypes of musical genres. People have a funny idea about folk music, but it's really not as stringent as they believe it to be. For me folk music is something that has passed through folks and people have changed the sound over the years."

After so many years of performing it may be assumed that Mose wouldn't be worried before hitting the stage, yet he still gets nervous. "Once I get into the set I feel more accustomed to everything. When I'm off stage I can't picture myself on the stage, I've looked back on videos of myself performing and it's like I'm watching somebody else. It's quite bizarre."

Mose makes sure that he never practices before a performance, "I never have any idea what I'm going to perform before I go up there; I just hope that something will come to me!" He also has a rule that he will only ever play once or twice a year at the same venue. It's these quirky charms that keep the crowds coming back for more of his performances along with his deep, husky voice.

Singer/songwriter Laura Bird will be the next folk society performer on 28th November, with Trina West as the opening act. Barrie Martin, the Folk Society President, says that they "like to support young musicians, we have open stage nights every third Saturday of every month." If you want more information on the folk society visit www.haliburtonfolk.com. ■

Annie E. Brown Exhibit opens at Agnes Jamieson

Annie E. Brown - In Memory is a fascinating new exhibit at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery created by curator Virginia Eichhorn of the Canadian Clay and Glass Gallery. Eichhorn discovered a statue of Brown in a graveyard and then the woman's ghost seemed to follow her as Eichhorn kept stumbling upon her photos and letters in unexpected places.

Brown's ghost was even seen by Eichhorn's son at the family cottage so the curator was convinced her story needed to be told. She investigated Brown's life, which began exactly one century before her own, and also superstitions along with how the practices of how we treat the dead and dying have changed.

"How this exhibit came together is incredible but it's also become more than just a ghost story. It is quite emotional seeing these things, some are sad but beautiful too," says Laurie Carmount, Agnes Jamieson Gallery curator.

The Brown exhibit brings together artifacts from the Victorian era such as letters, diaries and photographs and artwork by five artists Laura Donefer, Karina Guevin, Paul Stankard, Catherine Vamvakas Lay and Tim Whiten which explore spirituality issues. The Agnes Jamieson Gallery is also incorporating pieces from the Minden Hills Museum that demonstrate how we grieve, mourn and remember our dead.

Eichhorn says that by learning about how a society deals with death and dying, we ultimately learn how a society deals with life and living.

The exhibition is on between October 29 and November 28, please call the gallery at 286-3763 for details or go to www.mindenculturalcentre.com. ■



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HALLS LAKE - \$399,000



Beautiful 3+1 BR waterfront home/cottage on Halls Lake. Open concept living makes it great for entertaining. Huge master bedroom, main floor laundry, walk-out basement. Also has 2 BR bunkie for guests.

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Renovated three bedroom cottage with deeded access to Crystal Lake. Features: drilled well, heated line, fully winterized, full basement, small barn for storage, dock space available. Great beach. Great for ATV or snowmobile. Large 2 acre lot.

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Renovated home new windows, floors, kitchen, drywall, Jacuzzi tub. Shows very well, 44 acres with large pond, above ground pool plus a 24 x 16 barn, 1477 sq ft home with 3 bedrooms, close to town and on a year round road.

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Minutes away by boat to Boshkung Lake from this three bedroom back split on Beech River. Well treed level lot, beautiful stone fireplace. Wide part of river for great swimming.

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HUNTER CREEK ESTATES - \$59,900



Nice and comfortable 3 bdrm home in Hunter Creek Estates. Home features some new windows, 3 bdrms, detached single car gar, paved drive, maintenance free siding, plus a ravine lot. Don't miss this one. Priced to Sell!! Water cost is \$16.00/month, taxes are \$51.00 for six months & land lease is \$241. per month.

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TWELVE MILE LAKE - \$599,000



STUNNING NEW LOG HOME on gentle lot tucked into a small bay of 12 Mile Lake with gentle hard sand waterfront. Features open concept living room with vaulted ceilings and loft. Outside has huge covered porch back & front with gable windows, newly finished with bsmt almost finished, heated bsmt floors (radiant).

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Licensed sand and gravel pit - large acreage in Kinmount area with large beaver pond - deeded access off Galway Road.

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This 2 bdrm, well laid out cottage w/ loads of pine & a big lake view comes fully furnished incl. paddle boat & canoe! There is also a 16 x 16 garage / shed & an additional 8 x 8 shed on the property. The kitchen & bathroom have been recently renovated, a water filtration & UV system installed, new septic in 2006 and much more.

Lindsay Elder ** 286-1234 ex. 223 or 457-5878

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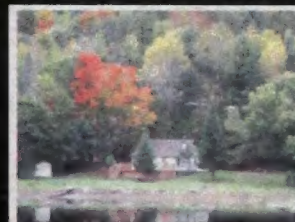
SPRING VALLEY ROAD - \$89,900



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Dan Roxborough * 286-1234 ext. 235

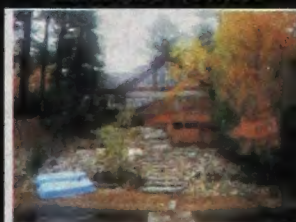
GETAWAY CABIN - \$119,900



Great getaway cabin in the woods on 2.65 acres. Cozy up to the woodstove & enjoy the fresh country air. Newer siding, doors, windows & decking. New drilled well, steel roof & shutters. Partially landscaped with new evergreens & gardens, cedar rail fencing, gated with new circular gravel driveway. Plus more.

Debbie Cumber * 457-2414 ext. 24

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CedarCoast Timber Home on Maple Lake. Open concept crafted post & beam w/ stone FP, reclaimed pine plank flooring, stainless steel counter tops & a lge master loft bdrm. Sandy beach frontage SW exp with a big lake view of Maple Lake. Great boating, fishing & swimming on this 3 lake chain, plus more.

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COUNTRY HOME - \$319,000



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Chris & Michelle Smolarz * 457-2414 ext. 22

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Anthony van Lieshout * 457-2414 ext. 27

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Susan Johnson * 457-2414, ext. 44

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UNIQUE post & beam wft home on one of Haliburton's premiere lakes. Enjoy 748 feet of very private waterfront plus 73 acres. Great room features a floor to ceiling granite fireplace, custom designed kitchen, 4 bedrooms, 3 baths and over 4000 sq ft of Luxury living. Family room overlooks private sheltered bay. Plus much more.

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163 ft waterfront lot on Little Kennisis with NW exposure. Great sunsets through the tall mature trees. Gradually sloped lot with absolute privacy. Be comfortable in the 3 season 3 bdrm cottage while deciding where to build etc. Shoreline is granite really beautiful.

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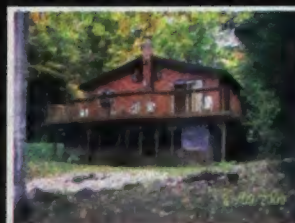
PINE LAKE - \$195,000



Home / Cottage overlooking Pine Lake. This property owns land on the lake side of Pine Lake Road. Very private, even a couple of apple trees. Sandy swimming area. 3 bedrooms lots of kitchen cabinets, Pine and drywall. Basement for storage & possible family room etc. Oil furnace & drilled well make this a great home or cottage.

Gloria Carnochan or Cindy Muenzel * 754-1932

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